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Secretary Department
Sir, 24 December 1862

You will please report to
the Department the average
intrinsic value of the Gold
issues of the U.S. Treasury, of which
I can think so far as
such results have been ascertained
by the recoinage of those issues at
the mint - you will also
report whether the value is found
to be uniform throughout, as
regards the more recent issues.

Very respectfully,

Yours truly,

W. H. C.

W. H. C.

G. N. Eckert Esq
Child

5451
Treasury Department
January 7th 1853.

Sir,

I transmit herewith, a copy of a Resolution of the Senate of the United States dated 6th Inst; and I will thank you to furnish the information called for, so far as it may be in your power, with as little delay as practicable.

Very respectfully
Yours obt. Servt.

~~Wm. A. R.~~
Sec. of the Treasury.

Geo. N. Eckert Esq.,
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia,
Pa.

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Treasury Department
Jan. 11. 1852.

Sir

Please to transmit at your
earliest convenience, \$500 in 3 cent coins to the
Depository at Norfolk - A transfer draft will be
this day for the amount and sent to the Depository
at Norfolk.

I am very Respectfully
Yours
Secy of the Treasury.

E. C. Dale Esq
St. Louis - Philad.^{ca}

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Learning with attention
Jan'y 18th 1853

Sir

You are authorised to purchase the two
Ledgers for the use of your office, at a price for both
not to exceed \$30, as estimated in your letter of the
17th inst

Very respectfully

Your obedient

Wm. H. H. H.

Acting Secretary of the Treasury

E. C. Dale &

Treasurer of the United States
and depositary
Philadelphia

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Secretary, Department of the Interior,
Washington, D.C.
January 28th 1853

Sir,
You are hereby requested to forward to this
Department, papers of the superintendents, agents,
surveyors and all papers, relative to the charges
preferred by T. A. McCulloch against the Comrs of
the Mint, W. L. Gale, and to which reference is
made in your report upon said charges, dated
July 22nd 1852.

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.

T. A. McCulloch
Director of the Mint

Thos. M. Smith
Secy of the Treasury

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Secretary's Department
Jan. 21. 1852.

Dear Sir,
In your report dated August
19th last you refer to a previous communication in
relation to the refining operations of Mr. McCulloch by
his Patent method.

If such a paper has already
appeared at the Department, it has been omitted and
I write therefore by the favor of you to furnish a copy
of it.

I am very Respc^l.

W. H. C.

Acty Secy of the Treasury.

D. G. W. Lusk
Secy of the Mint
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department
January 24th 1883

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29th ult^o relative to the issue of ingots of refined gold with the accompanying disk in silver of the proposed issue and in reply would make the suggestion for your consideration whether it would not be more convenient for the intended purpose if the ingot was issued of the exact value of one thousand dollars instead of the specific weight of 50 ounces.

This suggestion is merely made for your consideration but if you see any objection you can proceed with all due dispatch to carry out the mode suggested in your letter which is approved by the Department, as well as the form of the circular you propose to issue. The silver disk is returned by this mail.

Geo. M. Eckert Esq
Director of the Mint
Phil^a

(Very Respectfully)
W. H. McGeary
Act Secretary of the Treasury

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Thruway Department
 January 27 1880

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I have received your letter of the 16th inst. enclosing the copy of an estimate of the amount required for the purchase of the Thruway Road at New Orleans for the Thruway Road. I have also received the letter of the 16th inst. dated to inform that a statement received from the President of the Thruway Road that the Thruway Road account for the ending of the Thruway Road account should have not been received at the office of the Thruway Road. Upon investigation, the account is not for any one of the road, all of which will be returned to the Thruway Road. The amount of the sum of \$200,000.00 required, in your letter of the 16th inst.

Very respectfully,
 J. M. C. C. C.
 Secretary of the Thruway

2. all the Thruway Road
 at New Orleans
 at New Orleans

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Treasury Department
Oct 10 1852

Sir,
In reply to your letter of the 4th
relative to the payment of
gold coin for the interest on the
four per cent loan I would state
that the Department will not find
any objection to the use of gold
if it is found to be the best
means of settling a loan of this
nature during the present
period.

Very respectfully,
Wm. B. Ewing
and Sec. Treasury

Recd McKim & Co
Oct 10 1852
Philadelphia

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I am now in the hands of the
 Government, and I am not
 at the present time in a position
 to make any reply to the
 Government, or to the
 subject.

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Treasury Department
7th February 1833.

Sir,

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on Monday the 14th instant, for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States, agreeably to the provision in the 32nd Section of the Mint law of 18th January 1837; and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedt. Servt.
Wm. C. Cullen

Secretary of the Treasury,

Wm. Richd. Broadhead
M. C. Senate.

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Treasury Department
7th February 1855-

Sir -

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on Monday the 14th instant for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States agreeably to the provision in the 33rd Section of the Mint law of 18th of January 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested:-

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very Respectfully -

Your obt servant,

Proctor

Secretary of the Treasury.

Professor Joseph Henry.
Washington D.C.

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Treasury Department
7th February 1853 -

Sir

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on Monday the 14th instant, for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States, agreeably to the provision in the 33rd Section of the Mint law of 18th of January 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very Respectfully
Your obt^d serv^t
Wm. C. C. Smith
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon^{ble} Cyrus L. Doolittle.
Washington D.C.

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Treasury Department
7th Dec^r. 1837.

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commissioners to be at Philadelphia on Monday the 14th inst. for the purpose of testing the correctness of assay of the coinage of the United States according to the provision in the 32^d Section of the Mint Law of 18th January 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient
Servant
Sec. of the Treasury.

Wm. Pearce,
V. L. Clerk.

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Treasury Department
7th Feby. 1853.

Sir,
You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on Monday the 14th instant, for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States, agreeably to the provision in the 32^d section of the mint law of 18th January 1837; and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the mint.

Very respectfully
Your Obedt. Servt.

Wm. C. C. Brown
Secy. of the Treasury

Hon. James Brooks.
House of Representatives

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Treasury Department
7th Feby. 1853.

Ch.

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia, on Monday the 14th inst. for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States, agreeably to the provisions in the 32^d section of the Mint law of 18th January 1837; and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully
Yours &c. &c.

Wm. G. Brown

Secy. of the Treasury

D. James R. Chilton.
New York.

Treasury Department

February 7th 1834

Sir You have been designated by the President, as one of the Commissioners to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on Monday the 11th inst. for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States, agreeable to the provisions of the 32^d Section of the Mint Law, of 18th January 1834. and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Hon L. P. Stanton
Secy of Reps

Very Respectfully
J. C.
Secy of Treasury

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Received of
2^d July 1755

For a sum of money
paid to one of the Commissioners
of the Court of Chancery
for the purpose of
the purchase of the land
of the prisoners in the 3^d of the
month of July 1755
at the above place and
it respectfully requested.

The person or persons
by the members of the Commission
to be paid by the Treasurer of the Court.

Very respectfully.

Your obedient

W^m Garrow

Secretary of the Commission

W^m Garrow

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Treasury Department
7th Feb'y 1853.

Sir

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at Philadelphia on Monday the 14th instant, for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States, agreeably to the provision in the 32 section of the Mint law of 10th January, 1837; and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
Wm. C. Brown
Secy of the Treasury

Prof. James D. Dana
New Haven,
Conn.

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Treasury Department
11th February 1853.

Sir,

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on Monday the 14th instant, for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States, agreeably to the provision in the 32^d Section of the Mint Law of 18th January 1837; and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully,
Yours off. Se
Thos. Corwin

Sec. of the Treasury

Henry A. Werklenburg Esq.
Reading, Pa.

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Treasury Department
Feb 7th 1859.

Sir

The President has this day designated the
Hon^{ble} Mess R. M. & Hunter and J. W. Pearce of
the Senate, and T. P. Stanton, and James Brooks, of
the House of Representatives, in conjunction with
Prof. James O. Sana, of New Haven and Dr James R.
Chittin of New York, whom you suggested to the
Department, to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia
on Monday next, (the 14th) to discharge the duties
required by the Mint Law of 18th January, 1857.

Very respectfully

Your Obedt Servt.

Official Seal

Chas. A. B. Secy. of the Treasury.

Geo W. Eckert, Esq

Director of the Mint.
Philad^a

The above parties in consequence
of the shortness of the time
are recommended to be in possession
of the Mint before the 14th inst.

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Warren Department
Feb. 10, 1865.

At the charge made by
Capt. J. H. M. Ballou is for services rendered
in the apprehension and prosecution of
H. L. Papp for fraudulently obtaining moneys
of the M^{or} is deemed to be reasonable, there-
fore has been approved by the Department and
herewith returned the amount \$200 to be paid
out of the Contingent fund of the M^{or}.

I am very Sir,

Yours

Sec. of the Treasury

J. G. C. Schenck

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Treasury Department
February 11 1853.

Sir

In addition to the parties, who, by the act of 18 January, 1837 are ex-officio members of the assay commission, and those of whose appointment you have already been informed, the President has designated the following gentlemen as members, viz-

Wm. Broadhead, of the Senate and Danham of the House of Representatives, and N. A. Muhlenberg, of Pennsylvania.

The persons appointed have been notified that their personal expenses will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully
Your obedient servant
G. N. Eckert
Capt. Secy. of the Treasury.

G. N. Eckert, Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

Penn^a

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Treasury Department

February 14th 1855

Sir

In reply to your letter of 31st December relative to arrangements for procuring silver from abroad for the new silver coinage should Congress pass the law on the subject, I would state that the Department does not think that such arrangements on the part of the Government will be necessary, as there are no doubt, large amounts of silver coin, of some of which the Department has information held by Banking Institutions which could doubtless be brought into market for sale as soon as such a bill may be passed, and independent of this source of supply, contracts can no doubt be made on better terms with individuals to procure a supply of silver from abroad, should that be necessary on more favorable terms than the United States could obtain it through agents selected for the purpose as the former could combine with its other transactions at a less expense for agency and at a less loss of

exchange.

Very respectfully
Yours at St Louis
Wm. C. Moore
Secretary of the Treasury

Dr. G. A. Eckert.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia Penna.

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March 20 1855

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to the proposed alterations in the curriculum of the Department of Agriculture. It is therefore in accordance with the suggestion in your letter of the 12th inst. that the Department shall refer the same to the several committees on the subject.
You will observe that by the action of the Department at its last meeting, a preliminary report was made to the Board of the Department on the subject of the proposed alterations in the curriculum of the Department.

Very respectfully,
James C. Hoffman

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Treasury Department
April 2. 1853

Sir,

Your letter of the 31st ult is received. Authority has this day been given to the Collector at New York, to deliver the box containing "Opazing Apparatus," ordered for the S^g Pay Office, and imported in the Steamer "Franklin," to the Consignees, Major Livingston, New York, unpacked, and free of all duties and charges.

Very respectfully,

Yours as usual

James Guthrie

Secretary of the Treasury

Care of the Mint

Philadelphia

Peru.

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Treasury Department

Feb. 31st 1853

The receipt section of an act approved March 3, 1850, entitled "An Act to supply deficiencies in the expenditures for the service of the fiscal year ending the 1st June 1853" contains the following enactment.

"And the Secretary of the Treasury is hereby authorized to regulate the sizes and devices of the new silver coins authorized by "An Act amending of existing laws relative to the half dollars, quarter dollars, dimes and half dimes" passed at the present session; and to let, to persons upon order, as also the models, moulds and matrices or original dies for the coins, disks or ingots authorized by said act, the director of the mint is empowered, with the approval of the Secretary of the Treasury, to engage temporarily for that purpose, the services of one or more artists, distinguished in their respective specialties, who shall be paid for such services from the contingent appropriation for the year."

In conformity with the enactment, on which, without unnecessary delay, coins are to be prepared in the new silver coins authorized by the act of Feb. 3, 1853.

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The new silver coins will differ from the old in
intrinsic value, and will be a legal tender
for only small amounts, while the old will be legal
tender for any amount whatever, it is considered that
tenders on them should be so distinct, that there will be
no danger of confounding them in the hands of card-shops.

If you deem it advantageous to employ temporary
assistance in this work, you will present to this Committee
for its approval, the names of such artists as you may
deem such as in your judgment will produce designs
agreeable to the advanced state of the arts as practiced at present in Europe.

Very respectfully,

John A. Smith

Secretary of the Treasury.

Thomas M. Pettit Esq.

Director of the Mint,

Philadelphia.

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Treasury Department
April 24th 1853.

In answer to the new silver coinage that
supplies you with of March 21st is hereby
replied.

This Department, furthermore, offers of the mode
which you propose to purchase bars of fine gold, and
propose rate of charges on the same, and also of
rates at which you propose to purchase silver
bars.

Very respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

To the
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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and concluded on a fine Sabbath Church the 5th inst.

There are a few more things, as you see - but none more.

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M. or. To provide as much - silver - as I can

See also other entries under the word

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22 nov 1882

from the ...

James E. Morris

Dec 11th 1880.

The above are all the
 names of the persons who have been
 seen at the place since the
 first of January - The names of the
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 The names of the persons who have been
 seen at the place since the first of January -

James Guthrie

Samuel Johnson
1791 - 1800

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A close-up photograph of a piece of aged, cream-colored paper. The paper has a slightly textured appearance with some faint, brownish stains and markings, possibly remnants of old ink or foxing. The lighting is even, highlighting the subtle variations in the paper's color and texture.

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The Committee on the subject of the
 amendment of the constitution of the
 State of New York, in relation to the
 rights of the colored people, have the
 honor to acknowledge the receipt of
 your communication of the 10th inst.
 and in reply to inform you that the
 same has been forwarded to the
 proper authorities for their consideration.
 Very respectfully,
 J. C. Thompson, Secretary.

It was agreed that there be no objection to an Exchange of Gold Coins between Canada at N. Orleans in an amount to be arranged. The Province having been thus exposed to coin silver under the double duty given in 1st Act of the Act of 3rd March 1835, and the

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Division Department
April 15. 1852.

The offer made by Messrs.
on 26th of M. Dec. to the President of the
- Messrs. at M. Dec. 100,000 - Messrs.
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Lam. Lutton
Dec. 1. 1852.

Dr. Messrs. of the
and Messrs. Messrs.

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18 Dec 1848

Dear Sir, I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the proposed alterations in the plan of the proposed canal, and in reply to inform you that the same have been referred to the committee on the subject, and they will report to the next meeting of the committee.

I have also the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. in relation to the proposed alterations in the plan of the proposed canal, and in reply to inform you that the same have been referred to the committee on the subject, and they will report to the next meeting of the committee.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
John C. Smith

John C. Smith
The Minister

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U. S. Treasury Department
Apr. 21st 1853

Sir:

Order of the 12th inst. asking
temporary clerical assistance with a view
to the adjustment of your accounts, has been
received. Be pleased to nominate a suitable
person to be employed and the written order
submitted to the President for his approval
required by the 3rd Sect. of Act Jan. 18th 1853.

I am very Respo

Yours truly
Sec. of the Treasury

E. C. Dale
for Mr. ...

Copy

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Treasury Department

April 22, 1853

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your
last letters of the 20th inst, and to say, in reply,
there would seem to be no objection to the pur-
chase of the silver coined for depositors, and contained
deposits of gold, in the manner suggested by you.
You are hereby authorized to adopt that course.
I must ask the favor of you to send another
coin, in silver, of the annular dollar; the one
sent by you, if it arrived safely at the Depart-
ment, must have been dropped when the letter was
opened, and cannot be found.

I am very respy

(signed) James Guthrie

Sec of the Treasury

M. Pettit Esq
Director of the Mint.

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Division of Fish and Game
Nov. 11. 1882

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The 10th Dec. after General
reference to the 26th March last and the
establishment of an advisory office at W. D. C.
involves that the Secretary of the Division shall
with the approval of the Director of the Fish
and Game Service and checks and approves
the employment of such assistants and
servants as shall be necessary. Provided that
the Commission shall not exceed that allowed for
such service at the Department, and the
Sect. provide that the Director of the Fish
and Game Service is subordinate to the Secretary of the Division,
and shall be responsible for the operations and shall be
charged with the same as shall be required to make
the same.

This is proposed by the Department

Secondly, the estimate of the expenses with
a commission de batch and then under
standing is the matter. I have heard & have
your views on the subject and I shall think
you to state the number of officers, clerks,
assistants, workmen and servants as well, in your
office will be necessary to perform properly the
duties required, and the compensation allowed
to corresponding services in the United States.

You will be pleased to recommend, that
any additional expense which you may propose
to a free silver coins as provided by the Act
of the 18th of 21st February last.

I am very truly

Yours truly

Sec. of the

Wm. M. Peck
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

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The Hon. Secy of the
War Department
April 21 1862

Dear Sir

The age of the
army has been a subject of
discussion for some time past
and it is now a question
whether the present system
of raising and maintaining
the army is the best
that can be devised for
the purpose of having
a sufficient number of
men in the field at all
times.

I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
20th inst. in relation to the
above subject. I have
been very much interested
in the subject and have
been endeavoring to
obtain information
relative to the same.
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of your letter of the
20th inst. in relation to
the above subject. I have
been very much interested
in the subject and have
been endeavoring to
obtain information
relative to the same.

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Indian Department
April 11. 1832.

Dr

Enclosed herewith is a
copy of a letter from the
Indian Commissioner to the
Honorable Secretary of the
Treasury, dated at New Orleans
the 11th of April 1832. You will be
pleased to forward the same to the
Honorable Secretary of the Treasury
and to the Honorable Secretary of the
War, as received by you will be
credited to the Treasury of the United
States of America.

I am very respectfully,
Yours truly,
Secy of the Treasury.

Wm. B. Lewis
at
New Orleans

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Washington Monument
April 29, 1888

I have to acknowledge the
receipt of yours of the 25th inst with the
freemason on silver of the American gold dollar.
The design is approved by the Department.
The letter on to which does not contain
any of the 1st set of the Act of March 3rd 1876
any alteration in the design except the
of the Eagle on the reverse.

I am very Respectfully

Yours Truly
Wm. B. Smith
Sec of the Treasury

J. M. Potter Esq

Director of the Mint
Philad.

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mission from the North to the South
at the same time to receive the Branch-
es of the same line and the late
the Department the outside of the delivery
of the same from a large number of
the same.

I have a great many of you
the necessity of carrying the Branches at W. Williams
as also a number of others. The same
as early as possible as possible, and
thanks to the Department
to avoid the necessity of the same in
the W. Williams.

Respectfully,
W. Williams

I have been a great deal of time
in the south in the winter. I have
seen a great deal of the country. I have
seen the mountains of the south. I have
seen the great cities of the south. I have
seen the great cities of the south. I have
seen the great cities of the south.

I have to request, however, that you
will give attention to the committee that they
of the committee do not make any more
any further delay.

I am very truly
Yours
James L. Smith
Dec. 10th 1844

Thos M. Pettit
Secy of the
Philad^a

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Warren Department
Albany, N.Y.

For your letter of the 18th instant
re your communication addressed to you
the Department on the 15th ultimo giving as
an opinion that to combine sketches emblematic
with the annual form for the Gold
will not be possible.

No one will
be able to see how we can do it. The Department
is of opinion that the
annual sketch is not only circular and
one curve and from that view a
map is made that is as good as the country
itself and it is not possible to have some emblem of
the year may be employed on the annual
in a manner as to employ instantaneously
the Department of War.

James Sullivan

Chief Clerk

There is a great deal of
the same kind of work
done, but the same kind of
work is done in the same
way.

The first part of the
document is a list of names
and the second part is a
list of names and the third
part is a list of names and
the fourth part is a list of
names and the fifth part is
a list of names.

John W. Smith

John W. Smith

John W. Smith
Secretary of the Board
Philadelphia

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Nov 10. 1851

The first of the
winter has been a very
pleasant one. The weather
has been very mild and
the snow has not yet
fallen. The wind has been
very light and the sun
has been very bright.
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pleasant and the snow
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light and the sun has
been very bright.

James Guthrie

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Treasury Department

May 12 1883

Desiring to avail myself of
 the experience acquired within the Mint, in
 making arrangements for the establish-
 ment of the Treasury Office in that city,
 and presuming that Mr. Patterson can
 be more easily obtained from the Mint
 than yourself, I have to request the
 favor of you to ask that gentleman
 to come to Washington for the purpose,
 for a few days.

Sincerely respd

James Patton

Secretary of the Treasury

Mr Pettib Eng
 Director of the
 Mint
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William L. Garrison

May 13 1853

Dear Sir

Mr. W. L. Garrison,
New York, has offered to deposit with the
Prison - New York State Prison, \$1000 as the
Prison fee - & \$125 for services & costs.

It is well he should be able to receive deposits at
that amount as tendered by Mr. W. L. Garrison.
I have no objection to his doing so - having
done so on Boston in former years.

I am very respectfully

Yours truly

Wm. L. Garrison

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Treaty Department
Washington

The Department is informed that a process of removing old resins has been patented by Prof. J. S. Smith, of the Smithsonian Institution, instead of acids, is capable of being conducted in a vacuum space and is a safe process, and is without recommendation to its use on account of rapidity of operation. It has advantages, as stated, it is probable that the public would wish to be informed by the introduction of this process into the various establishments of the Government, and at all events it is the Department's duty to inform you, where the adoption of the ordinary acid process would be very likely to be most inconvenient. We have, therefore, to request that you will, on such occasions, consult with as many as possible, a series of experiments on that process, with a view to its feasibility and economy, as compared with other known processes, and to report the result to the Department.

It has been also suggested, that, for
the aid of persons, that wish to employ sulphuric
acid, it recommended to take it to the nearest
superior to the nitric acid method now adopted in
our mint establishment, & visit the mint to see
your manner to this subject, and to get to experience
the comparative value of the sulphuric acid, and
to report fully thereon.

Should it be found necessary to employ either
the nitric or sulphuric acid process in the California
Branch Mint, the Department anticipated much
difficulty and expense in procuring the necessary supply
for the running of that establishment, as well as in
directing some inquiries on this subject to its foreign
manufacturers of acid, in view also of the other, and
view to ascertain the most favorable terms on which
article can be obtained in San Francisco, according to
probable wants of the Branch Mint.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Yours obediently,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Thomas M. Tibbit, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

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Sanitary Department

May 20 1879

Having arranged with Mr.
Patterson for him to proceed early next
week to New York, to advise in relation
to the eligibility and adaptation of the
buildings which may be procured,
for the accommodation of the Army,
I have now to request that Mr Pease,
the Chief Engineer may be permitted
to accompany him, if Mr Pease's
duties will admit of his absence
for the purpose for a few days.

Sanitary Dept

James L. Smith

Secy. of the Dept

Thomas M. Pettibone

Director of the
Bureau

Phila.

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Jessie Sparrow
May 20. 1853.

Dear

Enclose you your receipt on
the receipt from the Museum of N. H. Co.
and will thank you to inform the department
of the course pursued by the N. H. Co. at Philadelphia
the purchase of the Branch at N. Orleans as you
are desired - necessary to prevent the delay
of and to advise the department
of the directions given or order that a reply may
be given to the N. H. Co. letter.

I am very Respo

Yours, J. M. Sparrow

Sec. of the Museum.

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Director of the Museum
Philad.

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Treasurer's Department
Mar 21. 1863

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I addressed a communication
via Telegraph this morning, to request
that you would receive from Mr. Comins
the \$300.00 in addition to the \$200.00 authorized
by letter from this Department of the 15th ultimo.
The Mexican Dollars to be taken at the Office
new and the amount to be placed to the
credit of the Treasurer's Office on the books of
your office for Bullion account & the Certificate
of deposit to be given accordingly.

I am very Resp^{tly}
Yours Truly
Sec of the Treasury.

The Treasurer of the
Branch Bank
New Orleans

The allusion to the fact that
 the present state of the world
 is not the best for the human
 race is a very common one.
 It states that the progress of the
 world is such as to lead to the
 destruction of Europe instead of
 progress and the fact
 is that the progress of the world
 is the result of the progress of the
 world and without progress
 there is no progress. It is not
 necessary and proper to discuss
 the progress of the world but
 to discuss the progress of the
 world and with what results?

Samuel Rogers

James Jackson

Secy of the Peace

Dr. J. C. Rogers
 Secy of the Peace

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I am authorized to employ
Mr. O. J. South, now on leave without pay
he 21. and about as much on the 11th of
the year at the rate of compensation proposed
by you in a former communication.

Yours truly
James K. Polk

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Treasury Department
Mar 24. 1858.

Sir

The accompanying memo. by
me under the notation of the 1st Sect. of the
Int. Act of 18th Jan: 1857, of Robert Patterson to
fill your place as Director of the Mint is
forwarded to continue during your absence on
account of absence.

Yours truly,
James Guthrie

Asst. Secy. Treasury

Wm. Patterson
Secy. of the Mint

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Massachusetts
May 20. 1853

Reference to your letter
the 23. ult. the Department entertains the
hope that you are, by this time, supplied
with the various Assistant Treasurers and
have been with a view, a small amount of
money. Since the date of the letter
of the Department have represented to
the Department the absolute necessity of their
being supplied by the Treasury with small
coins to enable them to make their payments.

I beg to call your attention to the service
and to request that if it be practicable you will
send a small supply to the Treasurer
at Boston, at New York, and at Philadelphia.
I have also directed to the Department at Boston
and at Savannah, for such amount as
you may deem advisable, from general
operations, as required by law, can be established.

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James Britton
Sec. of the ...

John B. Patterson &
Chas. D. ...

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Two 100 Department
June 2, 1855.

Appropriation has been received
from the U.S. Treasury for the
U.S. Army 100,000 dollars - in 1855. This
money is to be used for the purchase of
land for the U.S. Army. The money is to be
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the purchase of land for the U.S. Army.

James M. Smith
Lieut. Col. 10th Regt.

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Dear Sir,
Nov 1. 1855.

In a letter from the Secretary of the Navy dated 1-25. 1855. he says "in regard to the other side of the matter" and in my attention to the Department of the Navy in some cases to extend the office of a request for an extension for some time. We must see some subject of accumulation of persons decided to that purpose. If persons who have some other an entitle to the debt due to them and if there be several cases before this is accomplished. When the time shall permit for your department to be able to see the same.

It was said the impression produced by the paragraph that the Department suggests a modification or even revocation of the inference.

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Treasurer Department
June 1st 1863

Sir,

G. W. Caldwell Esq. Superintendent of the No
Branch Office at Charlotte V.C. having in a letter under date of
the 27th inst requested that a sum of three hundred dollars may be
transmitted to the Director of the Office at Philadelphia on account
of an appropriation for the contingent expenses &c of that Branch
Office, with explanation to you, the effect of a remittance of that amount,
which I have, this day decided to be made to you.

Very Respectfully Sir,
Frederick B. Co. Secy

James A. Hartman
Secretary of the Treasury

Wm R. Snowden Esq.

Director of the Office

Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
June 7, 1863

In compliance with the request contained in your letter of the 2nd inst. I have this day directed a remittance of the sum of three hundred Dollars, to be made to James Snowden Esq. Director of the Office at Philadelphia instead of Thomas M. Pettie late said Director but of whose recent discharge you are not, aware. This amount, to wit, \$300 will be charged to you, upon the Books of the Treasury on account of an appropriation by Congress in the Contingent Expenses of the U.S. Branch Office at Charlotte N.C. Mr. Snowden has also this day, been apprized, by letter of the occasion and effect of this remittance.

Very Respectfully Sir,
Jesse H. Smith
Secretary of the Treasury.

W. Carl Howell Esq.
Director of the U.S.
Branch Office
Charlotte N.C.

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Treasury Department
June 12, 1853

Sir

Please to receive from
Messrs. J. & W. McKim, 100,000 dollars on demand -
to be paid to the order of the Treasurer of the United States -
and to be paid to the order of the Treasurer of the United States -
and to be paid to the order of the Treasurer of the United States -

I am very Respectfully

Yours Truly

Samuel H. Smith

Enclosed is the
check for the same

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Treasury Department
June 16. 1853.

Sir

I enclose herewith a copy
of a letter received from E. J. Hartill Esq.
of N. Orleans relative to the importation of silver
from Mexico for recoinage at the Branch
Mint at N. Orleans, to which I beg to call
your attention.

I will thank you to state
whether, in your opinion it will be desirable and
expedient to enter into any arrangement with
Messrs. Hall, and if so, to what amount and
on what terms the silver can be received and
return periods, so as not to cause the accumulation
of a large amount of bullion at the Branch Mint.

I am very Respectfully

Yours Truly
Sec of the Treasury

P. Snowden
Director of the Branch
Mint at N. Orleans

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Passenger Department
June 21. 1855.

Sir

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I have the honor to inform you of
 the arrival of the steamer "Hudson" from New York
 on the 21st inst. at 10 o'clock. The cargo
 consists of various goods - I have a list of the
 same which I will forward to you by the next
 mail. I have also the pleasure to inform you
 that the "Hudson" will be ready to receive
 passengers on the 22nd inst. at 10 o'clock.
 I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Yours, &c.

James G. Thompson
Agent

San Francisco Cal.
June 21. 1855.

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Treasury Department
June 20 1855

Sir

The question whether the
Superintendent or the Treasurer
should occupy the Building
provided for, used as the Branch
Office and Fed. Treasury, has been
brought to the attention of the Dept.
and I find that the Building
having heretofore occasionally been
in the occupancy of the one and
of the other is now in the occupancy
of the Superintendent. I have
examined the laws establishing
the Branch Office and the law
making it a branch of the
Treasury and it seems to me
that the Treasurer who is charged
by the latter act with the custody
of the public money can hardly
excuse that custody which the

law interests, unless he is
the Building Under his inspection
I take leave to bring the question
to your notice and will thank
you to inform ^{me} if there be any
objections in your mind to giving
the Treasurer the occupancy of or
accommodation within the Building

Samuel Duff

Samuel Duff

Sag of the Treasury

Charles Minnenue Esq.

Superintendent

to meet

for business

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Treasury Department
June 28th 1853

Dear Sir,
I have received your letter of the 25th instant.

The difficulty to which you refer in the reception of Silver at the Branch Mint at New Orleans, is I presume of a temporary character, arising from the change about to take place in the incumbency of that office, and will doubtless cease on the 1st proximo, when Mr. James Brewer, recently appointed Assistant Treasurer, will enter upon the duties of his office.

I regard the coinage of Silver under the late act, as involving several important considerations, and with the view of coming to the best conclusion upon the subject, desire information from you, not contained in your letter, on several particulars.

1. What is the capacity for coining Silver (taking the usual proportions of pieces) of the Mint and Branch Mint respectively?
2. What amount of Silver has been received

at each?—

3. What amount has been coined at each, and
4. What amount has passed from each into circulation?—

My friend's impression is, that twenty or thirty millions of the new coinage can easily be put into circulation as fast as it can be issued, and that this would not only very much improve the National Currency and facilitate small transactions, but that the purchase of the Silver would promote another important interest. It would tend to bring back to this country, that supply of Silver from Mexico, which of late has been diverted and being attracted to England by the greater demand in her market, and thereby re-establish and even increase that trade with the former country which political as well as commercial considerations prompt us to foster and encourage.

This source of supply I wish you to keep in mind, in revisiting the Schedule of prices. At the present rate, it would send from the office more than we can command the market. It only has the stock on hand, in store & being ready obtainable at the prices given, but it is evident that such prices will be the means of bringing

national savings and establishing a continued influx
of the Mines of Mexico into the country, to be paid
in the products of American industry.

The coinage at the prices here proposed
is still a source of profit, and it is a question
whether it is not better to forego the small increase
of profit to arise from a reduction of price rather
to lose a certain supply, which shall be at least
equal to our means of coining.

You will please give the proper consid-
eration to the suggestions here made, and as soon as
an answer from me with your views thereon, fully
advised of.

Yours very respectfully
Leicester M. Weston
Secretary of the Treasury

R. Snowden Esq
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

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My dear friend

I have just received your letter of the 10th inst. and am glad to hear that you are well. I am also well and hope this letter will find you the same. I have not much news to write at present.

Very respectfully
Your friend

J. G. Thompson
P.O. Box 100
Philadelphia, Pa.

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Treasury Department
July 2^d 1858

Sir

I am in the receipt of
your letter dated the 26th ult^o asking
that the Bullion Fund of the Mint may be
increased to the amount of \$500,000 —

It is believed that the above
amount cannot be well spared from the treas-
ury at Philadelphia — But in order to place
you in funds without delay, & to avoid the
expense & risk of transporting specie from
New York, the Treasurer has been request-
ed to issue a Treasury Draft in favor of the
Treasurer of the Mint on the Assistant Treas-
urer at New York for \$500,000 — This
Draft you can transmit to the Assistant
Treasurer at New York with a request that
in lieu of sending the specie to Philadel-
phia, he will take up such Mint Certifi-
cates as may be designated by the Treas-
urer of the Mint, until the whole amount
of the Draft be absorbed — When the

accomplished, the Draft will be on in
up as said, and be returned, and the
Mint Certificates redeemed be returned
to the Treasurer of the Mint.

The Assistant Treasurer
at New York will be advised of this
arrangement — and it is presumed there
can be no objection to its being carried
out, either on his part, or that of the Treas-
urer of the Mint.

Very Respectfully

Wm. A. R. R.

Clerk of the Treasury

Secy of the Treasury

Jas. Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
July 2, 1853

I have received your letter
of the 28th ultimo upon the subject
of the silver coinage. The scale
of prices proposed is doubtless
proper under the circumstances,
and there is no objection therefore
to your, at once, giving it pub-
licity; but the silver attracted by
the former tariff, was not needed
for the public service, whilst
the purchase proved as a great
relief to the money market by
putting so much gold into
circulation.

In respect to the proposed
amendment I will think you to

receive a grant to retain the stock
of the carriage at both attempts
and the further option of a
release of paying in debt
in stock work

James King Esq

James Pittman
Esq of the Range

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the
Work

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I am now a son of Mr.
H. H. Gordon and as a result to the success
of the cause has been admitted to and
a member of the Association.

I am very truly
Yours
James Guthrie
Secy of the Assn.

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Treasury Department

July 5 1863

Sir

The Treasurer of the United States requires for change about 20000 of in gold dollars and 45000 in silver of the new coinage. Can you supply him in whole, or in part, & to what extent?

Sincerely,
Samuel Lloyd

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

E. Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint
Philadelphia

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The first of the year
was a very dry one
the weather being
the same as in the
last year. The ground
is very dry and
the water is very
low. The weather is
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water is very low.
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very low. The weather
is very dry and the
water is very low.

I am very
yours
John Smith

John Smith
London

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Treasury Department
July 4 1853

Dear Sir

Mr Albert Stuart of Philadelphia has been strongly recommended for appointment as engraver of the Mint. Will you do me the favor to make inquiry of persons of judgment and information upon the subject, and advise me touching his qualifications and merits. My wish is to have the office filled by an artist of decided taste and skill.

Sincerely Dear

James Guthrie

Secy of the Treasry

R Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint
Phila

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Treasury Department
July 12. 1853.

Sir

I enclose for you several
letters received from the Superintendent of the
Branch Office at Charlotte N.C.
You are desired, then, to be instructed to a
review of the operations of the Branch Office
in the past quarter you will be desired to give
a summary of the same to the Superintendent & submit
a report.

I am very Resp^t.

W. Washington
Acting Secy of the Treasury

Received of
James M. Smith
July 12. 1853

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Recd
May 19th 53

In reply to your letter of the 8th inst I have this day directed
a warrant to issue in favor of James Brown Treasurer of the 1st Branch
drawn on New Orleans on account of expenses at said Branch directed as
follows,

Salaries of Officers &c.	\$ 8,442.
Wages of Workmen	2,666.67
Incidental & Contingent	
Expenses &c.	5,000.

This sum, to wit, \$ 16,108.67 in the aggregate, is to be paid to the said James Brown
Treasurer of the 1st Branch, which has been reported for expenditure for the above objects for the
present year. Hereafter, at the middle of each month, I shall require to have
an account carefully prepared by an Agent, Treasurer or other Branch, chief
of the several companies, which the public service may require for a month
through which said account is to be presented to transmit with estimate with your
office for perusal; when such account amounts as may, by this estimate
thus shown to be necessary, for expenditure for the month, will be promptly
remitted. Deeming it better for the public interest that the same per-
sonifications in the Branch of the civil service should be considered as
case of personal attention to such proper amounts as advances, as the public
service may, at stated times, require; preparing, as a consequence, that such
advances should be more frequently made, based upon examined items &
carefully prepared estimates.

Very Respectfully,
James Brown Esq
J. W. Washington
Secy. of the Treasury

Chas. Brown Esq.
Treasurer of the
1st Branch

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Treasury Department
July 19, 1853.

Sir

I desire to obtain a suitable person to be sent, in a short time, to California, to superintend the putting up the machinery in the new blast at San Francisco, and to approve and accept the same, in the name of the Embark for building it, on behalf of the United States. It would be well if the person should have had some practical experience in the working of the blast at Shasta. At any rate, he should be a mathematician and a man of good and reliable judgment.

Can you indicate to me a proper person? Sincerely,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

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James Jackson

Not a member
Dinner 4.15
P. 11.15

Treasury Department
July 21 1853

Sir

I have received your letter of the 19th instant, accompanied by three medals, which appear to me to be very handsome specimens of engraving.

The plan you propose of applying to the principal artists of the country for ~~off~~ suggestions of new ~~or improved~~ emblems for certain portions of the coinage * ~~and exhibiting before~~ ^{submitting to the} ~~to exhibit~~ ^{for improvement} ~~of their engraving~~, is approved.

In the latter particular our coinage requires improvement, and may ~~be~~ ^{probably} improved, in the way suggested, but I entertain great doubt of the possibility of improving ~~or better~~ ^{changing or} ~~changing~~ ^{present} the devices, there can be no objection however to the

experiment, and I will be happy
candidly to consider any suggestions
^{which}
Your invitations may draw forth.

Permit me to suggest the
name of Mr Edward Hubler
of Sandy Spring Maryland, as
an Engraver to whom ^{with others it} ~~you~~ may
be desirable for you to apply.
~~with advantage apply~~

Sincerely Resp^d

~~James L. Adams~~
Secy of the Reary

J. A. Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint, Phila

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Dear

My dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th inst. in relation to the matter of the purchase of the land for the purpose of building a school for the colored people of the city of New York. I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in the cause of education for the colored people, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful.

I have the honor to inform you that the Board of Education of the City of New York has decided to purchase the land for the purpose of building a school for the colored people of the city. I am very glad to hear that you are so interested in the cause of education for the colored people, and I am sure that your efforts will be successful.

Yours truly,
James Arthur
Secretary

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Treasury Department

July 2 1853

These duly received from letters
of the 11th instant, naming Mr.
Cady as a suitable person to
proceed to California, to superintend
the putting up of the machinery of
the mill at San Francisco.

Your inquiry as to what time it
will be necessary for Mr. Cady
to go and what compensation
will be allowed.

Mr. Cady should probably
leave here from about the 10th inst
to the 1st of next. On the latter day,
he should go by the private conveyance
from San Francisco will come,
with a view to the necessary attention
of the building and machinery
work in the mill.

with the Department as to
and fitted for the ship, and be
building, by the same amount, is
to be delivered to the United States
for that purpose, under the Act of Congress.
It is probable that the ship about
the 1st Jan the putting up of the
machinery may be commenced, but
Mr R. Curtis says the machinery for the
building and machinery is now
in Philadelphia and you may, if
Mr Kellogg desires, be made further
inquiries of him.

I purpose to allow to Mr Kellogg
his reasonable expenses in travelling
and whilst detained at Washington
together with a per diem of \$4 de-
ducting his compensation of \$2000
per an for the time.

Very truly
Yours

J. R. Proctor Esq
Secretary of the
Board of the Navy

John Wilson
Secretary of the Navy

Very respectfully
 Sir

I have advised you by another
 letter of this date that on the 1st of
 Nov. the moving of your records in
 a building now in process of construction
 will be necessary to the
 removal of the building and putting
 of machinery to adapt to the
 and that on the 1st of January next the
 said building and machinery are
 to be removed to the new site.
 The interruption of the business
 of Nov. to 1st of January for the
 necessary repairs will now be left
 to be a source of inconvenience.

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... as ... the ...
... the ...

The object of this letter is to
request you to provide in time
for the ... in question. It seems
to me to be proper that you should
engage a supply of ... and
other articles required with ...
... and ... the ...
... the ... for
... supplies, upon ...
... time to time.

It is for ... you
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Secretary Dept

James Madison

Secy of the Navy

Secretary Dept
Secy of the
Phil.

It is my office to add an interest
to your address in the most judicious
manner possible.
I have the honor to be joined
with three other ladies by our common
interest to make this particular petition.
I am, dear friend,
Yours truly,
James Mott
Secretary of the Society

J. Pope Snowden Esq
Minister of the Church
Philadelphia Pa

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Treasury Department-
August 10th 1853

Sir

I enclose herewith copies of 2 Communications received from Messrs Goring & Co, of N York, dated 29 & 30th ulto, I will thank you to make the necessary inquiries, and to ascertain & report to the Department the causes of the alleged, grievances if there be any

I am very Respectfully
James Guthrie
Secy, of the Treasury

to Prof Sumner Esq -
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

A.T.B.....

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Treasury Department
August 2 1853

I have duly received your letter
the 1st instant, upon the subject of,
the letter I had addressed to the Asst.
Securities at New Orleans, directing
them to cause assays to be made
of Mexican coins before paying
therefor, and the Asst. Sec. has this
instruction and the notice published
by the Secretary of Mint for the
purchase of silver.

Herewith you will receive a
copy of a letter this day written to
the said Assistant, advising, as you
will perceive, the former. I am well
and intend to act upon,
the proper rule of communicating
this affair with Branch Mint. In the

instance in question there is a sup-
pose. There appeared to be occasion
for immediate action on the shortest time
in which it could reach New Orleans.

Samuel L. Saff
James L. Saff
Saff of the Treasury

James L. Saff
Director of the
Bureau
of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
August 2nd 1853

I have received your communication
of the 1st inst. of the 1st inst. calling
attention to the letter I had addressed
you, directing an assay of Mexican coins,
and to your making payment for that
assay of silver delivered at the B. Mint
and to the conflict between this direction
and the published terms of the Director,
the purchase of silver.

By the terms of my letter you may
perceive that it was intended to
and against an apprehended imposition to
be from the delivery of a debased coin,
as there seems to be no foundation for
the apprehension, and the inspection of
pieces to be sufficient for the purpose
security, you will consider that instruction
worked.

You will therefore be pleased to
show in all respects to the said notice
the Director of the Mint and if you have
any criticisms upon any of the above
the point is a matter of settled
and the published notice that you

will issue an affidavit for the amount
such deficiency

To the Hon. Secy of the Treasury
James M. Smith
Secy of the Treasury

James M. Smith
Secy of the Treasury
New Orleans

Treasurer's Department
August 6th 1853

Sir, I have duly received your letter of the 5th inst. with the annexed lists of the apparatus and machinery which you deem necessary for the Branch Mint at San Francisco, and in return send you one of the specifications which form part of the contract with Joseph R. Smith, for building and fitting up the said Branch, and which also comprises a list of said articles, which I will thank you carefully to examine.

In making the contract with Mr. Curtis I supposed all the machinery, tools, and implements required in all the departments of the Branch Mint, pressing, melting, refining, assaying and coining were provided for, and that nothing further would be required, to be furnished by the Government but the materials including dies, required in any of the said processes.

If I am in error in this particular and if any additional tools or implements are required, and above those mentioned in the specifications, please state what the additional articles are and their probable cost.

Yours Very Respectfully,
C. A. B. B. B. B. B.

James Biddle
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department

August 8 1853

Sir

I am desirous to have from you, a statement of ^{the} present condition of the purchases of silver and the coinage thereof both at Philadelphia and New Orleans; together with the amount of silver coin, at the several places, which is subject to Treasury disposition.

Please send it to me as soon as convenient.

Samlr. May Jr

Samlr. May Jr

Secy of the Treasry

Asst. Secy of the Treasry
Director of the
Mint Phila

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Treasury Department
August 10 1853

Sir

It has been stated that after
gold has been cast in ingots at
the Mint, it refuses to receive
them for exchange. Will you please
say if this is so? If it is not, as
I presume it is not, I should
be glad if you would imme-
diately adopt some mode of
correcting the misapprehension,
that appears to prevail, upon the
subject, in New York.

I am very deeply

Yours truly

Secy of the Treas.

Chapman & Co

Director of
the Mint
Philad.

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Treasury Department
August 10 1878

Sir

Agreeably to your request
of this date, by telegraph, I have au-
thorized the Assistant Treasurer
at Phil^a to advance coin to you
on the deposit of silver bars, to
meet a temporary demand for the
payment of silver.

Samuel R. Ketchum
James Buchanan
Secy of the Treasury

L. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the
Mint Phil^a

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Treasury Department
Aug. 11. 53

I am in the receipt
your communication of yesterday &
the Treasurer of the Union has this day issued
a draft for \$400,000 on the
Treasurer at W. York in favor of
the Treasurer of the Union at Philadelphia.
You can, or is presumed arrange with
the aforesaid Treasurer at W. York, for the
payment of the draft in form or otherwise
as in the former instance.

I am very Resptly
Yours Truly

Sec of the Treasury

W. R. B. Inward
Dir. of the Union
Philad.

Philadelphia

Executive Department

Sept. 17 1888

Sir

I enclose a clipp. from a newspaper, sent yesterday, announcing to this Department. Will you please to inquire into the facts alleged, and particularly those I have indicated by black lines. I have objected to collectors appointing their relatives to subordinate places, from the material abatement to be anticipated, in such cases, of supervision and authority on the one side and the sense of responsibility on the other. I did not take exception to the appointment made by B. H. Ferguson inconsistent with this rule from my regard to his character and standing; but if his son is incompetent or incompetent, I cannot for such or any other reason per-

will have to remain in office to the
prejudice of the interests of the public
service

Samuel Duff

James Watson

Secy of the Navy

J. L. Snowden Esq

Secy of the

War

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Treasury Department

August 22 1833

Sir

Being desirous of transferring
from Philadelphia \$200,000 to the
Treasury at this place, I enclose a
list of the denominations of coin
in which it will be convenient
to receive it, and will
thank you to inform me by return
of mail, on what day you will
be prepared to furnish them.

Yours truly

Samuel H. Kneass
Secy of the Treasury

H. S. Giddens Esq.
Director of the
Mint Phila.

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Treasury Department
Aug 23 1853.

Sir.

I will transfer you to Treasury
early as may be convenient say \$2000 in
advance - direct to the Assistant
Treasurer at Charleston S.C. as small change
may be wanted there for payments to persons
employed on the public buildings in the
above sections.

I am very Resptly
Yours &c
Sec of the Treasury

D. Sturgens Esq
Sec. of the Mint
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department
August 29 1853.

Sir

Your letter of the 28th instant
is duly received and considered and your
request for authority to increase the salary
of George Chamman the Porter of the Branch
from \$70 to \$100 as suggested by Gen.

I am very respectfully
Yours in this
Secy of the Treasury

Wm. B. Ewing
Asst. Branch Comm.
Wm. B. Ewing.

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Mexican Department

August 21. 1833

I have duly received your
letter of the 18th instant presenting a
statement of the comparative cost of
shipping Sulphuric acid to San Francisco
the ordinary way in Casks and
barrels lined with lead; and ad-
vancing that authority be at once given
you to contract for the machinery
required for the new branch in that
city. I approve both your suggestions
and will thank you to enter into
contracts to be approved by me for
making the machinery required, which
must include as well as the melting
and refining apparatus, not provided
for in Mr Curtis' contract, as provision
for a small silver coinage.

Your Revenue Collector of the Customs

each of about two hundred tons or
 more, on the chance of being fitted
 out, in New York, for the Pacific
 Stations. They will probably be ready
 for the voyage, in some two or three
 weeks. Perhaps these vessels will
 afford the best opportunity of sending
 the acids, as they are described as
 staunch, and will be well manned;
 and, moreover, from not having any
 cargo, will contain ample space
 for the safe and secure stowage
 of the casks. If the arrangements
 for proceeding, and for securing the
 acid in leaden casks, can be made
 in time, will see that any arrange-
 ments or contrivances which may
 be deemed advisable, to fix and
 secure the casks in their places on
 board, are provided.

J. L. Snowden Esq
 Director West.

Samuel May
 James Watson
 Sec. Treas.

It would be best for you to agree for
payments out of the next appropriation
"Congress" as was suggested by you.
to not for the maintenance

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Treasury Department

August 24, 1853

I have received your letter of the 20th inst.
 with the accompanying schedule, which,
 as it is a copy of a portion of that
 which accompanied your letter of the
 18th instant, is herewith returned.

You are hereby authorized to purchase
 the materials and articles enumerated
 in this copy as required for the use
 of the branch mint in San Francisco
 for its coining, assaying and melting
 of gold, and to arrange as far as
 practicable with the parties to wait
 for the payment thereof out of the
 appropriation which may be made
 for the current expenses of the said
 mint. The same course as you suggest
 may be pursued, in respect to the
 materials required for refining and
 separating, and also for the silver
 coinage.

I regret to find that you are still

unprepared to recommend a separation
the adoption of the one and the other
for refusing. The branch district is labor-
ing, and as the time approaches, it
will be more anxious that every necessary
operation be made to commence
before will not be ready to sail quite
so soon as has been supposed by perhaps
two weeks, and I still therefore hope
that your arrangements may be so
far hastened as to admit of their
being taken on board a considerable
portion of the articles required. I will
write to the Captains of the two vessels
desired to be, therefore to communicate
with you and to provide for such
service such freight as you may prefer
to them for that arrangement.

After paying to Mr. Carter, the
amount stipulated by the contract
with him there will remain of the

proposition for building and getting
about only about 40000 of the
purchase and machinery required for
milling and packing and for the other
large amount to be provided for that
either there must be some thing
putting into operation that amount
at least to last
the extent, as a portion of the report
must also be made dependent on a
certain appropriation.

Could I send you if Mr. Smith is in
to ascertain for what amount
will furnish and put up the
apparatus and machinery required.

I should be very willing to authorize
you to employ some one of the officers
the extent, for a compensation to be
on the proportion of the plans &
facts required for the use of the
apparatus and if that shall be later
I will suppose that I have not
power to do so. The last summer
the President authorized for

extra resources of easy kind.

I will endeavor to draw to a
conclusion upon the subject of a state
and begin as soon as possible as
the can be speedily approved. This
will perhaps be the least objectionable
mode of offering you the aid you
desire.

Very truly
Yours

Samuel M. Smith
Secy of the Treas.

L. Saunders Esq
Secy of the
Treas.

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Massachusetts Department
Aug. 25 1853.

Sir

Great complaints are made
of a scarcity of your Quarantine in the North
Department is desirous to have a liberal
supply forwarded to St. Louis, from which
it may be gradually put in circulation.
As you in the possession of such information
will enable you to say whether there is an
order on the Proctor Miner at W. Orleans
or Proctor which be sent to St. Louis Proctor
Have you that amount of the Miner which
it be so disposed of.

I am very Respt
Yours truly
J. C. Proctor
Secy of the Mass.

Prof. Proctor
Secy of the Miner
Philad.

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Dear Sir,
 Aug. 28th 1853.

In a letter addressed to the Department
 by the Cashier of the Farmers & Merchants Bank in
 Baltimore, he states that "the scarcity of this coin"
 (\$2 1/2 dollar gold piece) here is very great at present,
 and many of the Banks are entirely out of them and
 have to borrow from others, so that "the public suffers a
 great inconvenience, especially now that silver
 change is so scarce."

The object of this communication is to enquire
 whether the Mint can do any thing for the relief of
 the Baltimore Banks, and to ascertain whether you
 can conveniently pay a transfer draft for \$10, or
 \$20, or in small gold pieces including some silver,
 and if so, in what proportions.

I am very respectfully,
 Yours obediently,
 James B. Thompson

Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. Woodin Esq.
 Director of the Mint
 Philadelphia

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Washington. Aug. 16. 1853

Very soon after my entrance
to the department, I considered ^{it} necessary
to adopt and maintain the rule
of officers of the department, should
appoint their near relatives to
positions under them; for the reason, that
those so appointed, would not
under the same responsibility and
control as other persons, and for other
reasons, which it is not necessary
for me to explain.

Upon learning that you had
arrived your son with you to Phila,
and intended to advise you of
this rule, and to ask you to conform
to it. But if you were not attended to,
owing to other pressing business.
Within the last few days, the
rule given by your son, has been

sent to the Department, for approval,
and as the form of the bond differs
the appointment to have been so made
with my approval. I cannot un-
willingly offer my signature to it.

The position in question, in the
Slut, requires not merely reputation,
intelligence and position, which I
am persuaded you see fully possess
but that readiness, exactness and
neatness as a Clerk, which nothing
but clerical experience and education
can give. In the important position
that you occupy, it is very desirable
to us both. That the merchants and
other portions of the community
should ^{be} satisfied with the manner
in which all the business and accoun-
ting operations of the Slut are
performed.

Yours will very much oblige and
if you will direct your communication

of approval, some gentlemen
superior qualifications and
experience for the situation.

From doing so, you will shall
some other eligible situation,
any branch of the Department,
be very happy to contribute to his
welfare.

Yours very truly
James Burton

C. Hargreaves
Shrewsbury

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Secretary Department
August 19 1895

Allegre & Son 969 having
determined to exhibit in the Crystal
Palace at New York, about fifty
thousand dollars value of pure
California Gold, in ingots of about
1000 grs. weight it will add very
much to the interest of the exhibi-
tion. A portion of the gold
has been used to obtain medals
of which the doc are in the attach.
and have copied their insignia
to defray the expense of making
the medals.

The object of this is therefore
to give you authority to comply
with their object on the conditions
proposed; if the business of the
thing will not thereby be prejudiced.

Samuel Bay

James to him
beg of the King



J. H. Snowden Esq
Secretary of the
Anti-Slavery Socy

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Treasurer Department
August 29, 1852.

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Referring to my letter of the 27th
inst. in relation to the application of Treas.
I am able to have certain Medals received
from dies in the possession of the Mint, I
have to add that the authority given was
mainly to be confined to those dies being
the property of the United States and that it was
not of course, intended that any private
rights should be interfered with.

I am very Resp.

Yours faithfully
Secy of the Treasury.

Prof. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

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Wingate Department
August 25 1835

George Brewster, Esq. Treasurer
of the Massachusetts Charitable Mechanic
Association, has made application
to this Department, on behalf of that
Institution for permission to have
pick at the stock and from time
to time, various articles of sold
and longer for the benefit of the
of the products of American industry
to be sold, by the Association,
the ensuing month.

If a compliance with this re-
quest will not interfere with the
proper operation of the stock and
the Association will defray any ad-
ditional expense it may involve,
we are hereby authorized to answer
the said request in the affirmative.

Secretary

to the Secretary

James L. Smith
Secretary of the Board

J. A. Snowden Esq
Secretary of the
Board
Phila

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Treasury Department

Sept 1 1850

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 26th ultimo, upon the subject of the authority given you, by me, to receive certain medals to be struck at the Mint, partly for exhibition at the Obsequies Palace in ~~London~~ ^{London} and partly for the Massachusetts Chamber of Commerce Association at Boston. I fully agree with you, that it is injudicious and even improper to permit the minting and the use of the Officers of the Mint to be employed in work for the use and profit of individuals, and should any applications of this kind be made to me, the objections that properly apply to such a practice are not likely to be overlooked.

the applications in hand, so that they
to me to fall within the algorithm stated
they are for purposes of national
and public interest, and not for any
private advantage or profit. For these
reasons I request that the work may
be done in manner stated.

Sanitary Dept

James Buchanan
Secy of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden Esq

Director of the

Mint

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Washington, Sept. 11th 1833.

Enclosed for the Treasury are
 a number of gold coins
 authorized by the Act of the 22d of March
 1833, of which the Treasurer of
 the Mint at St. Orleans. (The name
 of the coins, Gilman, Spauld and
 immediately have not been submitted to
 the Department by the Treasurer of
 the Branch Mint at St. Orleans.

This order to avoid a greater ac-
 cumulation of specie at the Branch
 Mint at St. Orleans I will thank you
 to direct the discontinuance of trans-
 acts in exchange for silver
 except in fulfillment of previous ar-
 rangements.

It is presumed that the Branch
 will soon be able to pay for the neces-
 sary purchases in the new coinage.

I am, Very Respectfully,

Yours truly

Robt. Snowden Esq,
 Director of the Mint,
 Philadelphia.

Secretary of the Treasury,

Secretary Department
Sept 2. 1853

Sir,

I have duly received your letter of the
ultimo, stating the necessity for the employment of
additional Clerk in the Mint, and calling my
attention to your former letter upon the subject of the
appointment of said Clerk.

Upon consideration of the subject, having
read the resolution of the 3^d March last, I am of
opinion that, the nomination of Clerk in the Mint, other
than the Treasurer's Office, resides in the Director, and if
in the Treasurer's Office, in the Treasurer.

I conclude from the duties of the proposed Clerk, stated
that, that the nomination is in the Director, and if
will name a suitable and competent person and
the compensation which it will be proper to pay
the subject will be promptly attended to.

I ought to learn that the accounts of the Mint
are correct, and trust you will see that they are
set up, as soon as may be, and not allowed again
to hind hand.

Will you be pleased to inform

we have often, annually, waited for the settlement
of accounts contemplated by the 23 Section of the
Act of 18 Jan'y 1837, has been made, and what
was the sum of the last settlement; and further
which inconvenience, delay or expense would arise
from such settlements being made quarterly.

I am Very Respectfully

Josiah Williams

Secy. of the Treasury

J. R. Spencer Esq:

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

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Drawing Department
Sept 2. 1862.

Dear

Your letter dated the 2nd
instant has been received. The matter is now
before the Bureau of the French
Museum at N. Orleans will receive the
attention of the Department.

In reflection it is thought best not to disturb
the existing arrangement for the loan case
of ivory at N. Orleans. The same arrangement
will therefore be issued for the present.

I am, dear Sir,

Yours very truly
A. C. S. S. S.

J. R. S. S. S.
New York
Paris

Sept 4 1853

Mr

I have duly received your letter of the 2^d instant. I will immediately instruct the officers of the Bureau to report to you.

You will prepare and submit the most full and exact specifications of the machinery utensils tools &c required for the assay of silver in the Branch Mint at San Francisco, and 2^d of all the apparatus required for the separating and refining of gold and silver by the sulphuric acid process; and the proposal of Mr Austin for furnishing such machinery apparatus &c

I will try the subject of Mr Houston's appointment as Metallurgist before the President tomorrow, so that you may have as soon as possible, the aid of his services, in the matter

herein mentioned as well as
others connected with the said
branch

Sam^r &c

J. L. Snowden Esq

Quarter of the West

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Executive Department
Sept 8 1850

Regarding to my letter to you of
yesterday, I have to say that altho the
President is quite willing to appoint
Mr. John Houston, Miller and Rejoice
of the Branch Dist. at San Francisco
were glad that he accepted, under
the law, so as at present, was under
the meeting of the Senate; the law
providing that the appointments
shall be made by and with the
advice and consent of the Senate.

As there is however a real
need for the services of such a
person as the office of Miller and
Rejoice implies, for putting the
Branch Dist. in operation, I am
willing forthwith to employ Mr. Houston
for that purpose, at a compensation
of \$6 per day and his actual ex

in travelling to California
for a year or at his election, & of the day
without expenses, payable out of
the appropriation for the building
and putting in operation the trans-
sient. You are therefore author-
ized to offer this employment
to Mr Weston and to say that
if he accepts, the President will
nominate him to the Senate
as Master & Engineer, upon its
meeting in December next.

Sincerely,
Very truly,
Yours,

James Buchanan
Secy of the Navy

J. R. Snowden Esq
Secretary of the
Anti-Slavery

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Treasury Department
Sept. 6. 1883.

Sir

Your letter of the 31st ult.,
with the enclosures, was duly received and
the nominations by the Treasurer of the
Proctor-Minn. at St. Paul of James Wilson
Dean Finaid and Master Kennedy the
clerks in his office are approved, with
the salaries and commencing at the period
as designated by him.

I am very Resp^t
Yours truly
Sec Treasury

J. Prop Snowden Esq
Director of the Minn
Phila^a

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Treasury Department

Sept 8 1855

Sir
I am advised under date of the 4th inst, by the Director of the Mint, that you have accepted the appointment, I had instructed him to offer to you, as agent of the department, for making the necessary preparations, proceeding to San Francisco and putting in operation that branch of the business of the Branch Mint, over which the President will appoint you, as Director and Refiner, as soon as he can constitutionally do so.

The office in question is one of much importance and responsibility, not only on account of the large amount involved in the coinage and falsification of the ^{amount} of its being the commencement of the business. I desire to afford you every facility towards the object

in view, and I am well satisfied
that you will properly appreciate
your position, and will perform the
duties, of every kind, which it involves
with diligence & zeal.

What will depend, with the con-
sideration of your duties, in Cal-
ifornia, upon your having reliable
workmen, as suggested by the Director
of the mint; and you are, therefore,
authorized to employ as many as
you may consider necessary for the
purpose, and to prepare and instruct
them, whilst trying the machinery
and processes which it may be
necessary for you to prepare the
compensation of such workmen
will be according to the terms of
the act of 1 July 1854. Such wages
and allowances as are customary
and reasonable according to their
respective stations and occupations
this I think will give whilst the work.

remain in China the coasts all round
the shore; and upon reaching California
actual coasts of that upon, with the
induction for expenses of going, if these
are paid by the United States.

Sunday Sept

James M. Smith

Secretary of the Navy

Hacoston to Ligo

Philad.

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Quincy Depueharts

Sept 8 1854

Sir
I have duly received your
letter of the 4th inst. I have this day
written to Mr. Kearton and authorized
him to employ as many recharter
workmen as may consider it
necessary to carry out him to the
peninsula. The trial of the French
system of rearing had better, therefore,
be, at once, commenced with
all haste, and this business will
afford the best opportunity to Mr.
Kearton to instruct and organize
his corps.

The Superintendent of the French
mint was, as you are probably aware,
appointed before the advertisement
of the Senate at the last session. I

use of officers, it will be best to
select the three officers, namely, Clerk,
and Stewards, at once, and also
willing to make the same arrange-
ment in respect to these officers as
has been made with the Treasurer,
and on the same terms of compensa-
tion; if suitable persons can be
found. If you can name persons
every way adapted to the office
in question. I will be glad to hear
from you on this subject.

The contracts and engagements
already made on account of the
March Meeting, leave that amount
of the appropriation for that object,
now at my disposal. If the Committee
will agree to provide all the
machinery their complement &c &c
both for the below every department
and that for printing and copying
by the three persons
it shall be disposed to contract with

him accordingly.

The Cutter officers were some
days since instructed to report to
you, and probably, by this time you
may have heard from them.

Very Resp

Jam^s M^r Thos
Secy of the Navy

Please you ^{to} not
forget to direct.

R. Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

Phila

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Treasury Document
Sept. 8. 1863.

Sir

Your letter dated the 6th inst
has been received and the nominations of
Mr. Costello and Livingston as submitted
by you are approved.

I am very Resp
S^{rs} Sir
J. C. Manning

Wm. Sturgis
Treasurer
Philad^a

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Treasury Department

Septm 10. 1853

Sir,

In virtue of authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury, by the 10th Section of the Act, approved March 3^d 1853, Entitled, "An Act making appropriations for the Civil and Diplomatic Expenses of the Government, for the Year ending the thirtieth of June, Eighteen hundred and fifty four", You are hereby appointed, with the approbation and Consent of the President of the United States, Melter and Refiner of the Assay Office in New York, and with the like approbation, your Compensation is fixed at the rate of Twenty five hundred dollars per annum, to take effect when you shall enter upon the duties of the said Office.

I am, Very Respectfully

Yours &c

Secretary of the Treasury

Jedediah Cobb Esq:

Melter & Refiner

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Treasury Department

Septem^r 10th 1853.

Sir,

In virtue of authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury, by the 10th Section of the Act, passed March 3^d 1853, entitled, "An Act making appropriations for the Civil and Diplomatic Expenses of the Government for the Year Ending the thirtieth of June, sixteen hundred and fifty four", You are hereby appointed, with the approbation and Consent of the President of United States; Assayer of the Assay Office in New-
York, and with the like approbation Your compensation fixed at the rate of Twenty five hundred dollars annum, to take effect when you shall enter upon duties of the said Office.

I am Very Respectfully

Yours truly

Secretary of the Treasury

John Tamm Esq:
Assayer,

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Treasury Department
Sept 14 1858

In reply to your letter of the
14th inst. relative to the machinery
and apparatus required for the
Mint Office at New York. I have
to say that in my opinion it should
be equal to from fifty to sixty millions
if the demand go beyond that amt.
There must be further provision for
the excess. But it is highly probable
that the Branch in California will
do a portion of the business and
it is even possible that the melting
and refining may pass into the
hands of private enterprise.
On the whole, I think therefore the
capacity named is the safest
estimate, which can now be made,
to provide you with the preparations
of the Machinery Laundry Dept.

R. Snowden Esq
Director.

J. M. McKim
Sec. Treas.

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My dear Superintendent

Sept 14 1888.

I have duly received your letter of the 10th inst.

You will please make the best terms you can with Mr. Coates without reference to my former letter.

I presume the idea of sending freight by the bullet is now to be abandoned and you are therefore to send the articles and make way you have provided for the March ship at that time by the vessel you mention or any other you may find convenient and to use your discretion as to the share for said freight. Please have the articles insured.

Yours truly

James F. Wilson

Secy of the Treas.

A. S. Hayden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
September 16, 1853

Sir,

I received this morning your letter of the 9th inst. with Mr. Brewer's estimate dated September 1st, 1853, for salaries to be paid to such clerks for the month of September, 1853, also a copy of Mr. Brewer's estimate dated August 24th, 1853, of the amount required for the same object for the month of August, 1853.

I have directed the amount required for the month of September, 1853, \$9,108.67, in accordance with appropriations as follows:

Salaries of Officers

1 type

Wages of Clerks

2886.67

Continental Expenses &c.

5000

to be immediately transmitted to Mr. Brewer, & will, in case of the occasion, to reimburse, there, the original of this copy, detached & sent. This has never, to my knowledge, been received at this Department. An examination of the Records kept in this Office, of letters received, does not show any communication from yourself, or Mr. Brewer, of such an original as having reached here.

On the 20th inst. the estimated amount for the month of September, for the same object will be directed to be sent to Mr. Brewer.

Very Respectfully,
Wm. B. Ewing

James B. Thompson

Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. B. Ewing
Department of the Treasury
Branch Office
New Orleans
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Treasury Department
Sept 16 1853.

I have received your several letters relative to the appointments in the Branch Mint in San Francisco and the transmission thereof, of the articles, so far provided, required in that establishment.

An inquiry has been made as to what price in California the Government, if it should be determined to permit refining to be done, by individuals or companies, would afford to pay for the same. In other ~~affair~~ words, what would be the proper allowance, after making a fair deduction for the compensation of officers and other expenses saved in the Branch Mint? Will you please furnish me an estimate upon this point.

The demands for silver coins
and for small gold coins, are so
general, throughout the country, and
applications for them, are so frequently
made to the department, that I
think it desirable, that it should
have, regular and periodic reports
from you, of your operations therein.
I shall be glad, therefore, if you
will transmit to me, such a report
at the end of each ^{week}, the reports should
start with the coins, of each metal,
and each denomination, on hand,
show the coinage and distribution
for the week; and they should further
show what portions of each, are
at the disposal of the Government,
for the accommodation of its office
or for the convenience of the com-
munity at large.

I have, as yet, but meagre
information of the progress of the

silver coinage in New Orleans,
except in a report received a few
days since, by telegraph, importing,
as far as it could be understood,
that about 600,000 had been coined
and about 400,000 had been dis-
tributed. There is probably now
in hand on that branch, of silver
waiting coinage, say \$2,000,000.
and the country is clamorous
for the change if it is designed
to be effected. Pray inform me, if
any mode occurs to you, by
which the supply at either place
can be accelerated? As one
mode of doing this, for the present,
I think the coinage should be
made, chiefly, in the larger silver
denominations, and if you see
no objection to this expedient, I
will thank you to adopt it.
Yours truly,
J. M. Smith.
H. S. Richardson Esq. Secy. Treas.
Greenwich St. N. Y.

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Treasury Department

Sept 20 1855

The Secretary of the Interior
has applied to this Department to
furnish a supply of small gold
and silver coins at Detroit for
use of the Agent for paying
annuities now falling due to
Saginaw Indians in that region of
country. I have therefore to request
that you will transact, under
proper arrangements with the
Express Company, the sum of,
fifteen thousand dollars, say
of gold dollars \$5000. and new
silver of convenient denominations
\$10000. to Oliver Taylor Esq. his
depository at that place

Sincerely Resp^d

Sanborn Esq.
Director Minn. Terr.

James Guthrie
Secy Treas^y.

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Treasury Department

Sept 22 1850

Sir
I have duly received your letter of the 20th instant. If you are satisfied that ^{the} impregnation demanded by Mr. Keister, is fair and reasonable, you are at liberty to close the arrangement with him; but I think you had better provide plans and specifications of the articles to be furnished, and hope you will be satisfied before concluding the contract, that it embraces every thing required in the French Mint, for the coinage of Silver, and for the melting purifying and refining of Gold.

Very truly
Yours

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasry

J. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad

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Treasury Department

Sept 22 1882.

I have had a full conversation with Professor Crocker, upon the subject of the preparations for the French Mint at San Francisco. I think it will best for ^{you to} make a shipment, as soon as may be, of a supply of, and for the first uses of the branch, and to continue to ship to the extent of the estimated supply for six months.

As a permanent provision, if the gentleman who has proposed to manufacture the acid, shall offer to supply one hundred pounds per year for three years, with the prospect of increasing the quantity, ^{if required,} at thirteen cents per cent. you may agree to the arrangement.

The condition of the appropriation to the branch is such as to make it

desirable for you to pay out of your
contingent for supplies as far as you can,
and to obtain as many of the articles
on deferred payments, but in case
these expedients fail, please transmit
the bills to this Department.

Sincerely Respy

Secretary of the Treasury

L. H. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phil^a

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St. Mary
fol. a

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My dear Department
October 1. 1881.

In accordance with your
letter of the 29th inst. I send enclosed, extracts from
the report of the Director of the Census, of
the 1st of March last in relation to the
persons receiving at the Marine Hospital
— I am, very respectfully,
Yours, Sir,
J. C. Sullivan

R. J. Sullivan
Phila.

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Treasury Department
October 24. 1853

Sir,

You are hereby appointed
Clerk to the Treasurer of the Assay Office in New-
York. Your Compensation to be at the rate of \$2000.
per annum.

You will report yourself at the Mint
in Philadelphia for duty in the preparation of the
books which will be required in the said Assay Office,
and also in the Branch Mint at San Francisco, and
for such other duties as the Director of the Mint
may assign you, until the Assay Office shall be
ready to commence its operations.

I am Very Respectfully
Yours Truly

Sey. of the Treasury

Geo. W. Edelman Esq.

Treasury Department

Oct 12 1883

I have very much enjoyed your letter of the 14th inst. and in reply have to say that the stamp you propose for the use of the Survey Office, on blue ink, for transcribing copies, is approved, and you are authorized to provide it accordingly.

Sincerely Resp,

J. M. McKim
Secy of Treas.

W. H. Chandler Esq
Director of the
Bureau of Land
Office

Treasury Department
October 15 1853

The Metropolitan and Mechanics Institute
Washington, desire Mr. Borch should be allowed
prepared for their Institution, a die for their Medal.
You will allow it to be done if it does not
interfere with the business of the Mint.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
October 14. 1853.

Si-

In reply to your letter of the
1st instant I have to say that the Treasurer
paid for \$1200 was, as you suppose, intended
you for the purpose of furnishing Mr. Houston
Mr. & Mr. Eckelart with \$500 on account
their expenses to S. Francisco. As it appears
in your letter of the 1st instant that the
men to be employed need not leave Philad^a
before November or December the Department
will address you in the course of a few
days an order to the payment of their expenses,
at S. Francisco and the compensation to be
allowed after their arrival there.

A copy of the Contract so referred to, will

be furnished to Messrs. Hurd and
Schiffert before their departure.

The Banks of this City employ
hundreds of the amount of gold dollars. Can they
be supplied from the Mint with 250,000 amounting
portion of that sum on making its deposit
with the Treasurer here.

I am very Res^t
Sincerely
Sec Treasury

J. Rufus Brown
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

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Treasury Department
Oct. 15. 1855.

Sir

The Contract for the Purchase
of California and for the Machinery above
and the specifications, referred to in my letter
yesterday are herewith transmitted.

I am very Resp^t

Samuel P. Bates
Sec. Treasury

Wm. B. Snowden &
Lawson of the Bank
Philad.

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Treasury Department
Oct 20 1873

I have duly received your letter of the 19th inst. and assent to your making arrangements for transferring one million of dollars of the silver now on hand with Branch Mint at New Orleans to the Mint for the purpose of coining. And I think it will be unnecessary to incur, in the operation, the expense of insurance, inasmuch as there is hardly any risk to be encountered which is not protected by the liability of Messrs. Adams & Co. as common carriers.

Of the new silver now in the Mint, a draft for transferring to New York \$200,000 has been issued, and to Boston I have tendered 10,000. Your notice heretofore authorized will, as soon as it appears, be made to large demands for Philadelphia.

and a considerable ^{amount} will be required
for Hatteras. With these ~~in~~ ⁱⁿ view, it is perhaps prudent to
suspend for the present the arrange-
ments for transferring to more
distant points.

Sanitary Dept

J. M. M.
Secy of the Dept

L. H. Snowden, Esq
Director of the
Bureau of Phila

Treasury Department
 October 22. 1853.

Sir

Enclose a transfer draft
 on the Treasury of the Branch Mint at
 N. Orleans in favor of the Treasurer of the
 Mint at Philadelphia for \$100,000.

In making the arrangement with
 Messrs. Adams & Co. for the transfer of the above
 sum be pleased to arrange also for the
 transportation of \$100,000 from N. Orleans
 to the ap. Treasury at St. Louis for which
 sum a transfer draft made payable to
 the order of Messrs. Adams & Co. is enclosed to
 be paid in silver coins.

I am very Respt

Secy of the Treasury

J. R. Thompson
 Director of the Mint
 Philad.

610

Treasury Department

October 20th 1855

I have duly received your letter of the 18th inst. accompanied by a letter of same date from Messrs. Maher and Landis. I have not seen the contract with these gentlemen and will thank you to send a copy or the original.

I assent to your request on behalf of Messrs. Maher and Landis and authorize the agent Messrs. C. Theodore W. Kiley, of New York, to draw from this department for the sum of three thousand dollars upon the following conditions:

1st annex to such draft proper evidence of his being authorized by Maher & Landis so to draw the use of said draft.

2^d accompany said draft with bills of lading of cargo of soda to the amount of 50000, shipped at Valparaiso, by Messrs. Messrs. C. and consigned to the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Valparaiso.

3^d accompany said bill with policy of insurance on said cargo the said policy duly assigned to the United States. If this arrangement is subject

to those gentlemen you may use the letter as the
proper authority for its being carried into effect.

I am, Very Respectfully,

Yours of the Occasion

J. R. Snowden, Esq.
Minister of the United
States, Philadelphia

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Treasury Department

Oct 6 1863

The Treasurer U.S. has this
day issued a draft for \$500. on
the Treasurer of the Month in favor
of Wm J St Davis, Gov of Oregon.
Gov Davis will be in Phila to
present this draft in a few days,
and in the mean while will be
obliged to you to prepare the draft
for him in silver change say pieces
of 25 10 & 5 cents. He desires to
take it with him to Oregon & hopes
you will put it up on such form
as will be convenient for transpor-
tation.

Sincerely Respt

James Buchanan
Secy of the Treasry

J. R. Snowden Esq
Secretary of the
Month Phila.

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Treasury Department
 Dec 10 1863.

Your letter of the 20th ultimo was duly received, accompanied by the estimate. I had requested you to furnish, of the fixtures, apparatus and complements, and materials required on the various branches of the assay office to be established in New York. The building for the assay office in New York has been commenced; the utmost exertions will be made to hasten the completion, and there is a reasonable expectation that it will be finished by the 1st February. The apparatus, implements & which it will need, and which I wish made in Philadelphia and under your supervision and direction, should be ready by that day.

I have therefore to request that you will proceed to have the articles mentioned in the estimate, with the exception of "furniture".

So we have them ready by the day

There is no engine mentioned in the estimate and it is not intended to include an engine in this institution, and to provide one in New York. Neither is there a press mentioned; and I take occasion to ask, if a press is not necessary for stamping copies &c. and if it will be a request that you will also have one prepared.

Lambert Bury

Jam. Guthrie
Secy of the Society

J. R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mills
Phila.

you found to have the common expenses of the
month by the fact of quarter. The whole acquisition
has been received here. At present we are
in receipt of the 13th of October for 1100⁰⁰ in
the salaries of officers, mates or the company and
individual expenses and a balance of 1000⁰⁰ in
N. A. for the amount was transmitted to you.
Now better point, dated 12th of September was duly received.
The copies of the laws asked for by you are
transmitted by this office.

I am very Respo^t

Yours &c the Secretary

J. R. Paton Esq

Secy. of the Navy

Washington

Pa.

611

Treasury Department
October 24. 1853.

Sir

I am in the receipt of
your letter of the 20th instant. The Department
does not consider it necessary to have any more
formal contract with Messrs. Make & Sons than
that contained in the correspondence between
the parties, that being considered sufficiently binding.

I would suggest the expediency of arranging
with Messrs. Adams & Co. for the transfer of
not more than \$100,000 from N. Orleans at
one time.

I am very Resp^t
Yours faithfully
Sec of the Treasury.

Jas. Rusk Snowden &
Director of the Coins
Philad^a

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Treasury Department

Octo 25 1873

It has been represented to me that a merchant in New York is in the practice of purchasing the silver dollar coin and of obtaining from it, a considerable proportion of gold. It being also stated, by way of explanation, that Spanish dollars contain gold. Without attaching undue credit to this statement, I will nevertheless thank you to cause a careful analysis to be made, at the mint, of Spanish dollars and other silver coin handed for the purpose of recoinage, in order to determine whether or not, it is, in any degree, well founded. Sincerely &c

James Buchanan

Secy of the Treasury

Robert Snowden Esq
Director Mint.

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Financial Department

Oct 26 1860

I have received your letter of the 24th inst. For the \$100,000 in silver change, intended for St. Louis, you will please engage on the best terms not higher than those offered by Messrs. Adams, for both transportation and insurance. The transfer of the 1,000,000 of \$100 for currency may, for the present, be suspended.

I presume the supply of silver expected on the Atlantic side of the country is pretty much exhausted. Your offer is expected shortly for delivering out Silver Mexican dollars to be obtained through New Orleans. Will you please inform me whether in your opinion it will soon be necessary to look to this source of supply for your operations, and what price

if any under the present rates, can be
paid for it and leave the necessary
margin for expenses of conveyance &
distribution &c.

Upon the subject of your inquiry
touching the salary of D. B. B. have
to say that both he and Dr. Parry
have been advised in that particular

Samlrly Resp

James D. B.
Secy of the Treasury

Mr. L. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Wash DC

Revenue Department
Octo 20 1854

Your letter upon the subject of the compensation of the workmen whom it is proposed to send to California for employment in the bonded district at San Francisco, has escaped attention in the hurry and pressure of business.

I understood from Mr. Washington that you slightly mis understood him on the occasion of his late visit to the Chief. He suggested 1st the expenses whatever they might be, of the man from Phil^a to San Francisco, 2^d 3¢ per day, each, whilst there and unemployed, and, after being employed the usual wages at that place, not less than five dollars per day for man.

If these terms are acceptable to the parties concerned, you may consider the arrangements as settled.

One of the workmen may proceed, at once, as you suggest to San Fran. you

about the last December
probably the same number for the
to follow.

January 1890

Dear Sir,
I have the honor to acknowledge
the receipt of your letter of the
10th inst. in relation to the
above mentioned matter.
I have also the honor to
acknowledge the receipt of your
letter of the 12th inst. in
relation to the same matter.
I have the honor to inform
you that the same has been
forwarded to the proper
authorities for their consideration.
I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
J. W. Smith

Oct 3

Treasury Department

Octo 20 1858.

Sir

Referring to my letter to you, a few days since, relative to the future supplies of silver for coinage at the Mint, and to an expected offer to furnish such supplies from Mexico, I have now to enclose an extract from a letter received from John A. Hepburn Esq of New York on the subject of the said offer.

In your forthcoming reply, will you please take into view the facts stated in this extract, if you regard them as material, and, at my rate, explain more fully their import and force than Mr Hepburn has done.

Sincerely Respy

James Guthrie

Secy of the Treasry

Respectfully
Director of the Mint Phila

Excerpt from letter of Fred Aspin-
wall Esq. dated New York Oct 28 53

"Our last letters quote the dollar
of Mexico at 60 1/2 pence, reduced
to pure silver, and a close
calculation of ~~the~~ actual expenses
so shows this to be equal to
£ 1. 2463 ~~per~~ at the Mint at Phila.
without allowing any commission
to agents in Mexico or any
compensation to us"

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Treasury Department
Octo 30 1893

Mr

I have read Professor Proctor's
letter contained in yours of the 20th
instant. on the subject of a new
alloy for the Cent coinage. Will
you please request him, as I think
favorably of his plan, to state more
explicitly the profit or disadvantage
on the present and the proposed cent
coins respectively.

Sincerely,
James B. Thompson
Secretary

I have the honor to

Director of
the Mint Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
Octob 31 1853

Sir

I enclose herewith a statement of the probable
profits of the new Cent Coinage as proposed
by Mr. Booth - and; also, that on the present
type Coinage.

I am very Res^t
Yours Truly
Sec^y of the Treasury.

Wm. B. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department
Nov. 2. 1853.

Sir

I enclose herewith a
draft on favor of the Treasurer of the
U. S. at Philadelphia
for \$100.00 - and made payable to the order
of Messrs. Adams & Co. of Philadelphia.

Be pleased to arrange with that firm for
the transportation of the amount to Washington
in the following denomination of coins - viz.
25.000 in $\frac{1}{2}$ Eagles \$25.000 in $\frac{1}{4}$ Eagles
25.000 " $\frac{1}{2}$ Dollars \$19.000 " $\frac{1}{4}$ Dollars
3.000 " Dimes & \$ 8.000 " $\frac{1}{2}$ Dimes.
as nearly as you may be enabled to do so.

I am very Res^{ty}

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury.

Wm. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

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Treasury Department

Nov 7 1855

You will please lend me
as soon as they can be prepared,
1st A statement of the operations
of the Mint and its branches
for the fiscal year ended 30 June 1855.
2d A similar statement for the
quarter ended 30 Sept 1855

The statements are to be in-
serted in my annual report
now in preparation and I wish
you to forward them as soon as
possible

Sincerely Resp

James Buchanan

Sec Treasury

include in both
statements the
branches of silver

Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint Phila

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Treasury Department
November 9. 1853

for

A warrant will be issued
this day, on your favor for \$3150 - viz for
2050 - asked for in your letter dated the 5th
ultra with \$500 additional for the expenses
of five men from the Coiner Department as
suggested in your letter of the 7th inst, received
this morning.

Your communication dated
the 8th inst. has, also, been received and your
suggestions in relation to the transfer of the
engines at the Branch Mints at Dahlonega
and Charlotte to the mint at Philadelphia
are approved. Be pleased to give the necessary
instructions to the Treasurers of those Branches.

I am very Respt^{ly}

James Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury

Wm. B. Ewing
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department
November 9. 1853

Sir

I will thank you to forward at
the close of each quarter a statement of the
current account. No statement has been received
from the Treasurer of the U. S. or at this office since
the 31st March last.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec. Treasury.

Saml. Stearns
Treasurer of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department

Nov 9 1862

Sir

In reply to the letter of Messrs
 Maher and Lindsie enclosed in your
 letter of the 2d instand. you will please
 inform those gentlemen that I cannot
 do more to accommodate them, in
 the particulars referred to, than was
 promised in my former letter. I think
 it is not probable a large steamer
 employed in transporting a Regiment
 of troops could be induced to
 go out of its way, or to consent
 to be delayed to take on freight. But
 if it can, it must be upon the
 application of the gentlemen
 interested.

Sincerely Respy

James H. Smith
 Secretary
 Geo. Ross Snowden Esq
 Director of the
 North Atlantic

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Treasury Department

Nov 10 1850

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 9th inst. and have to say in reply, although I think favorably of your proposition to adopt some measures for withdrawing the small Spanish silver coins from circulation, that, in my opinion, it would not be judicious at this time, nor until we can to some extent supply its place with our own. The inconvenience to arise from the withdrawal for the present would as I believe far outweigh the advantage to accrue.

The Treasury has far less information of the progress of the coinage of steel blades than it is desirable for it to possess. You have doubtless

taken the proper steps to obtain personal ^{reports} ~~information~~ and will thank you to advise me of their import and time ~~too~~ time as received.

Sincerely Resp

Lucy Peang

Edw Snodden Esq
Director Mint
Phil^a

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Treasury Department
Nov 10-1863.

I have duly received your letter of the 9th inst. Your former letter to which it refers would have been received at the time, but for my supposing, without perhaps much reason, that other devices were to follow of those enclosed in your letter and which I now return I prefer for the 3¢ piece, those marked Obverse A and Reverse B. with the modifications which you suggest. These devices therefore you will please consider as so approved.

Sincerely Resp

James B. Ward
Secy of the Treasury

Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint Phila.

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Treasury Department

Nov 10 - 1880

Sir

Permit me to call your attention to my letter to you of the 20th ultimo & of the 20th ultimo referring to the former; to neither of which, have I had the pleasure to receive a reply.

In replying to these letters, will you please answer as fully and explicitly as convenient, the following questions. If the Mint give 10,000¢ including insurance, for bringing ^{in silver} \$1,000,000 to Philadelphia, besides the present premium, what would be the loss or gain upon its recoinage?

Sincerely Respy

James Guthrie
Sec Treasury

Cross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

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Tracing Department
Nov. 16. 1862.

Referring to my letter to you
of the 10th and to yours in reply of the
11th instant, I have now to state
that Mr Shoemaker of the firm of
Adams & Co. has been here, and made
representations upon the subject of the
transfer of the slaves from New Orleans
to your city, including the route
which the slaves would take and the
ability of his house to respond for
any loss which might occur. I have
therefore to say that if you shall
understand that Messrs Harnden & Co
propose to convey the slaves by sea, or
learn that they are of doubtful ability
to respond for such losses. You were
authorized to contract with Messrs Adams
& Co on the terms, say 10,000\$ - offered
by them.

Cannot the volume at New Orleans
in slaves be increased by increasing
the number of workmen, as well as

by the means suggested in your letter

Samuel Rupp

James K. Munn

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Treasury Department
Nov 12 1853

Mess Hadden also have
offered to transport 1000000 lbs. with
insurance, from New Orleans to the
West in the 9. for the sum of nine
thousand dollars. If Mess Hadden
are willing to do the business
for the same sum, you will please
make the arrangement with them
and have the transport at once effected.

I perceive that the commerce of
New Orleans for the past
month has been but \$220.000. and
I desire to know from you whether
the operations of it in that line can-
not be very considerably increased,
for the double purpose, of using up
the Mexican silver flowing into
that city and of supplying the wants
of the Western country on charge.

Samuel Hays

James H. Hays
Director of the
Mexican Bank

James H. Hays
Secretary

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Treasury Department
Nov 16th 1853

Sir

I will be obliged to you if you will send to
Department, as soon as you can conveniently, the
amount of the coinage of gold and of the coinage of silver,
the Mint and its branches, from the 1st of January to
30th of September 1853.

~~There are sundry returns on file of the operations of~~
~~Mint and its Branches during the year, but none~~
~~covering precisely the period above mentioned.~~

Very Respectfully

James Guthrie

Secretary of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

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Treasury Department
Nov 19 1853.

Sir

I will be obliged to you for a statement of
the amount of Gold of Smaller Production, deposited
at the Mint and its branches, from Jan 1 to Sept 30 1853.

Very Respectfully
Yours, &c
Secretary of the Treasury

To

J. R. Snowden Esq.

Treasurer of the Mint

Philadelphia.

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Treasurer Department
Nov. 24. 1853.

Sir

Your communication dated
the 10th inst enclosing your Bulletin accounts
for the quarters ending 30th June and 30 September
has come duly to hand. The Treasurer of the U.S.
has not, however, received the duplicate.

I was anxious to inform you that your
account as Assistant Treasurer for the week ending
Sunday 20th January has not been received
at this on the Treasurer's office.

Be pleased to transmit it.

I am, very Resp^{tly}

Yours truly
Jas. Buchanan
Secy Treasury

Wm. A. Ransom

Dr. M. M. at

Philad^a

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Treasury Department
Nov. 20th 1857.

Sir

I will be obliged to you for a statement of
the amount of gold of domestic production, and of the
amount of silver of domestic production, deposited in
the Mint and its branches, in each year, from the time
in which each deposit was first made to the 31st of
October 1857.

Very respectfully
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

To

J. B. Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
Nov. 25th 1853.

Sir,

Yours of the 23rd inst., with the accompanying
letter, has been received.

I will be obliged to you for an additional state-
ment, giving the amount of gold of domestic production de-
posited at the Mint and its Branches, in each year
from the time when the first deposit was made, to the 31st
Octoberth 1853. In this statement it will not be necessary
to give the amount deposited at the Mint and each of its
Branches. The aggregate for each year is what is wanted.
Very Respectfully

Secretary of the Treasury.

To

J. A. Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia.

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Treasury Department
Nov 25th 1853

Sir

I have received your letter of the 23rd inst,
and have to say in reply that the change
you recommend in the mode of paying
for silver parted from gold is approved

I am Respt

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treas,

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the
Mint - Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
Dec. 8. 1853.

Sir

Yours of the 2nd inst has been received. The advance made by you to Jas. M. Smith the workman sent by you to St. Francisco is approved, and you are authorized to make the necessary advances to those workmen about to sail & a remittance will be made to you when the amount is ascertained.

I am very Resptlly
Yours truly
Secy Treasury

Wm. P. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department

Dec. 8 1855.

At the November term Court
of the Circuit Court of the United
States for the district of North Carolina
holden at Raleigh, Samuel Hendricks
was tried and convicted of passing
and uttering spurious coin
purporting to be the genuine gold
coin of the U.S. and sentenced
to confinement for ten years.

A quantity of this spurious
coin found in his possession has
been sent to this Department by
the Post Atty. Supt & Dock Eugene
from which I have selected a piece
of each denomination, namely
of five dollars two and a half
dollars and one dollar. which
are herewith transmitted.

The object in sending these letters
to you is to request you to commence
the formation of a cabinet and
registry of such ~~discovered~~ coins.
You will please therefore to collect
all such coins as ~~they~~ have been
put out and you may ^{be} able to
obtain ~~them~~ and to make a register
of the time and places at which
the utterance of them took place
the persons concerned in such
utterance, their arrest trial con-
viction &c with any other facts
which may be obtained and
may serve to show how far and
in what localities ^{the} uttering has
been practiced, and may serve
to direct or aid in the measures
to prevent and punish the offence.

Yours truly
Samuel Legg

J. Ross Snowden Esq. Junior, Attorney
General of the Lee County
North Carolina

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Treasury Department
December 17, 1852.

Sir

Your letter of the 15th inst.
was duly received and the Treasurer will
transmit a draft in your favor for \$1695.
probably by this day's mail.

I am very Resp.

James McKim
Sec. Treasury.

J. Prof. Snowden &
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department

Dec. 17 1853

Sir

I have duly received your letter of the 16th instant, enclosing the instructions proposed to be issued by you, with my concurrence, and in pursuance of the provisions of the act of 3 July 1852, "in relation to the course of accounting for gold and silver at the Branch Mint of the United States, at San Francisco, California: and I have approved the same by affixing my signature thereto; presuming that the said instructions correspond with those which have heretofore been issued for the government of other branch mints, and are now in operation ^{in said branches}. I am, Sir,

Rose S. Snodden, ^{Director} Branch Mint at San Francisco
James H. Thompson
See Recd 5

100 (Pacific Mail)

page 4 Mint Mail

Treasury Department

Decr 19. 1858.

The President has this day
nominated to the Senate,

John M. McKim, as Collector;

John H. Weston, as Auditor & Receiver; &
Agoston Harney, as Assayer of the
Branch Mint, at San Francisco.

If these nominations are confirmed
by the Senate, as it is supposed they
will be, Commissions will be sent to
the gentlemen named, by the next
California Mail.

Very Respy

James Buchanan

Sec Treasury

Lewis A. Brodhead

Superintendent

Mint Branch

San Francisco

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Treasury Department
Dec. 21 1853.

Sir

I send, in compliance with
the suggestion in your letter of the 20th inst.,
a transfer draft by the Treasurer of the United States
on the Treasurer of the Mint in Philadelphia
in favor of the Treasurer of the Branch
Mint in California and made payable to
the order of Messrs. Adams & Co. for \$6000
six thousand dollars payable in silver will
thank you to make arrangements for the timely
transportation to S. Francisco, of the amount.

I am very Resp.

John Guthrie
Sec. Treasury

J. Ruf. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint.
Philad.

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Treasury Department
December 27, 1853.

Sir

I have received your letter of the 21st inst. The Circular enclosed in the former is approved with the exception of the last paragraph. It is herewith returned.

Enclosed you will receive also a copy of the regulations for the Branch Mints at N. York. Two Clerks have been appointed one at a salary of \$2000 and one at a salary of \$1500, and I will thank you, in conjunction with Mr. Cobbden, to recommend suitable persons as assistants to these officers at the salaries fixed in the regulations.

Your recommendation for the appointment of an assistant to Professor Booth will be suspended for the present, in view of the probable discontinuation of the business at the Mint after the Branch at N. York shall have gone into operation.

I am very Resp^t
J. M. Butler
Secy Treasury.

Jas. Hop. Snowden Esq.
Branch Mint
Chicago

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Treasury Department
Dec. 30. 1853.

Sir

Some time since you addressed
a letter to the Department containing a calculation
of the expenses of conveyance at the Mint and
charges on believe, were posed in compliance
with the suggestion contained in that letter which
has been replied. I will think over to cause
a copy of it to be furnished to the Department.
The Committee of Ways & Means are under the
impression that the amount received for expenses of
mining, etc. or should be sufficient to meet the
more contingent expenses of the establishment.
be pleased to state how that is, and to furnish such
explanations as you may deem necessary, that they
may be communicated to the Committee.

I am very Resp
John Bullen
Sec Treasury

Prof S. M. Rogers
Director of the Mint

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Treasury Department
Dec. 31. 1853.

Sir

I have received your letter
of the 28th enclosing one from Professor Booth
urging the appointment of an Assistant to the
Master & Register at the Mint in Philadelphia.
and the appointment is accordingly authorized.

I am very Res^t.

James Buchanan
Sec. Treasury

J. Prof. Snowden Esq
Director Mint
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department
Dec 24. 1863.

Sir,

I act on, by Adams express, the drawings & Medallions forwarded by you a few days since, the Department agreeing with you that none of them offer a sufficient inducement to make a change. You are authorized to make the payments and to make the offer to Artists as suggested in your letter of the 29th ultimo. I am very Resp.

Yours Truly
J. M. Cass

J. M. Cass
Director of the Mint
Philad.

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Treasury Department
Jan 9. 1854.

Sir

Your letter of the 9th instant
nominating Mr. John H. Taylor for Assistant Master
Receiver of the Mint was duly received.

The nomination has been approved by the
President. The salary to be \$1500 per annum, and
a bond to be given in the sum of \$5000 as
suggested.

I am very Resp.
Yours Truly
Sec. Treasury.

At. Recd. & ordered by
John H. Taylor
Philad.

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Treasury Department
Jan. 12 1859.

Sir,

I have received your communication dated the 4th inst. enclosing a copy of a letter which you propose to address to certain deacons in this country - In answer to inform you that the failure of the recent attempt to improve the devices of the coins, makes, in the opinion of the Department, the prospects of success in the proposed one so slender as to render inexpedient to incur the expense likely to be used. I would suggest, therefore, that for the present at least, attention should be confined to the improvement of the dies and the mechanical execution of the coins.

I am very Respc^t
Yours &c
Sec. of the Treasury.

Prof. Snowden of
Miner. of the Miner.

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Treasurer Department
Jan. 12. 1854

Sir:

I will thank you to cause
the following amounts to be sent in silver
to the Depositories designated.

To the Depository at Philadelphia	\$ 30,000.
" " " Richmond	20,000
" " " Norfolk	20,000
	\$ 70,000

I am very Resp.

Thos. Guthrie
Secy of the Treasury.

J. Robt. Anderson
Actg Secy of the Treasury.

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Treasurer Department
Jan 13 1858.

Sir

W. L. Garrison will be at
Philad^a in the course of a day or two with
friends for the Treasury U. States.

As they will be, probably, in large Gold
Coins and the Treasury is desirous to have
a smaller denomination, with some silver, I will
think you to exchange such portion of money be
necessary for the accommodation of the Treasury.

I am very Resp^t.

James Guthrie
Sec^y Treasury

J. H. Snowden &
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Treasury Department
January 16, 1853

What is the value of the metals, viz: German Silver &c, contained in the one cent pieces, specimens of which were sent to the Department. If the metal contained in each piece is of so much less value as to cover the expenses of coinage or if a less valuable metal can be substituted for the cent piece, the issue would be counterfeited. The cent pieces have the objection that they are too much like the 10 cents of the silver coinage.

If the metal in the cent piece forwarded are so near the value of the cent, as not to give profit after paying for the coinage and no other metal can be substituted for it, and the cent, ^{piece} can be reduced in thickness and enlarged in circumference so as not to be mistaken for the silver 10 cents, it may answer.

I would be pleased to have a report upon these points and a new specimen

an enlarged piece, with any other suggestions
you may have to make

I am, Very Respectfully
James M. Wynn
Secretary of the Treasury

J. P. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

195 Pacific Rd

13 Mint Hill

Sacramento, California
Jan. 18, 1884.

Sir,

A draft on \$1000 will
be transmitted by this mail to the Treasurer
of the Branch Mint at St. Francisco by the
Treasurer of the Alaska. to meet the contingent
expenses of that Branch.

Instructions in
relation to the expenditure of the money
will be given to the Treasurer by the
Director of this Mint.

I am very Resp.

Secy of the Treasury

W. A. R. Gordon

Asst. Secy of the Treasury

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San Francisco
June 4th 1844

Sir

In compliance with the request
contained in your letter of the 12th inst.
the draft will be forwarded by the next steamer
to reach the Treasurer of the U. S. at New York
or San Francisco for \$1000 to meet the contingent
expenses of that establishment, and you will
be pleased to give him the necessary instructions
in regard to the expenditure of the money.
I am very Resp

Wm. L. Garrison

Wm. L. Garrison
Secretary

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Treasury Department
Jan 30 1834

Sir

The depositary at Baltimore
has been authorized to have the balance
(\$3000) of draft No. 22 standing to his credit
in silver transported by Adams & Co Express
to Baltimore. You will be pleased
therefore to cause it to be paid in such
denominations of silver coins as may best
insure their prompt circulation.

I am very Resp
Lms to you
Sec Treasury

J. Hop Snodden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

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Treasury Department
Jan. 20 1854

Sir

I enclose herewith a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the Bond Mint at N. Orleans in favor of the Adams Treasures at St. Louis and made payable to the order of Messrs. Adams & Co. \$500,000. Be pleased to make the necessary arrangements with Messrs. Adams & Co. for the transfer of this amount from N. Orleans to St. Louis in silver coins principally of the smaller denominations.

I am very Res^{ly}
Yours truly
Sec. Treasury

Prof. Knowlton
Director of Mint

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Treasury Department
Jan. 20th 1854.

Sir

Yours of the 6th has been received, and application has been made to the Assistant Treasurers in New York and Boston, to ascertain in what way they can yield most ease in exchanging silver change for gold.

As the subject of the additional amount you will want for the purchase of bullion, I shall expect to hear from you soon; but in the mean time it is proper to apprise you that the Treasury will, in a few months, probably be obliged to reclaim about three millions of the present fund, and I wish to know what arrangement you can make to meet that contingency.

Very Respectfully
James Guthrie
Secy. of Treasury.

To

J. A. Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
Jan 21. 1857.

Sir:

Referring to your letter
of the 1st instant enclosing Professor Booth's
letter on the subject of the proposed German
Silver Coinage I have only to remark that if
Professor B's experiments shall satisfy here of the
possibility of the proposed alloy the Department is of
the opinion that the same between the home and
foreign dollar will be the best with a disregard of
labour &c for Am.

Please to request Professor
B. to send a specimen when prepared.
I am very Resp^t

Sec Treasury.

J. Prop. Snowden
Director Mint
Philad^a

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Treasury Department
Jan^y 23^d 1824.

Dear

Enclosed you will receive a transfer draft by the Treasury Agents on the Treasurer of the Mint for \$500,000 payable to Messrs. Adams & Co. The draft is assigned to Messrs. Adams & Co. with whom you will make arrange for the transfer of the amount to New York. Be pleased to ascertain from Messrs. Adams & Co. if they will engage to transfer an additional million in specie on the same terms to the Mint. The date of the terms are desirable to make the arrangement for the transfer. The draft will be paid when you shall be received.

I would suggest that the coinage as rapidly practicable of the silver bullion on hand be urged.

urged by you on the Treasurer of the
Mint and Branch Mint at Williams in
order that in the event of a pressure some time
hence the whole force may be turned to the
gold coinage.

I am very Resp^t
Yours truly
J. C. Treasury

J. C. Treasury
Director of the Mint

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Treasury Department
January 24. 1854

Sir:

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the Second Monday in February for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States agreeably to the provision in the 32^d section of the Mint Law of 18th January, 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. R. M. P. Hunter.

U. S. Senate -

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Treasury Department

January 24 1857

Sir:

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the Second Monday in February for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States agreeably to the provision in the 32^d section of the Mint law of 18th January, 1857 and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am, Very Respectfully,
 Yours for Service
 Secretary of the Treasury

Hon. John A. Breaux
 Hon. of Representatives

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Treasury Department
January 24th 1854

Sir
You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the Second Monday in February for the purpose of testing the correctness of the Assay of the coinage of the United States agreeably to the provision in the 32^d section of the Mint law of 18th January, 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Gen. Wm. Dallas
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department

January 24. 1854

Sir,

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the second Monday in February for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States agreeably to the provision in the 32nd Section of the Mint law of 18th January, 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am, Very respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

Prof. R. C. Rogers
Philadelphia.

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Treasury Department
January 24 1854.

Sir:

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the Second Monday in February for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States agreeably to the provision in the 3^d section of the Mint Law of 18th January, 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James M. Wilson
Secretary of the Treasury.

Hon. Geo. S. Houston,
Ch. of Representatives -

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Treasury Department
January 24 1854

For

The President has this day designated
the Hon. R. M. T. Hunter of the Senate, the Hon. J. C.
Breckenridge & Geo. S. Houston of the House of Represen-
tatives and the Hon. Cas. M. Dallas & Prof. R. C. Rogers
of Philadelphia to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia
on the Second Monday in February to discharge the
duties required by the Mint Law of 10th January 1853.

I am Very Respectfully
Yours
James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

H. J. Inury of the Sentences
declines you will be advised

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Treasury Department
Jan 25. 1854.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 19th and 23rd instants, and to say in reply to the first that as it is not probable that the building for the assay office at N. York will be ready before May next, you will be pleased not to send on the apparatus and implements for that office until further notice from the Department. The Bills for that office will be pleased to examine & certify and send them to this Department for payment. The appointment of Mr. Andrew Mason nominated in your letter of the 20th as assistant the Assayer at N. York - at a salary of \$1500 ^{is approved,} ~~annually~~ to take effect when the office shall be into operation. In the mean time he continues his present situation.

Yours

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You are authorised to permit the Machinery
of the Mint to be used for striking the Medals
referred to in your letter of the 23^d inst. Board
would suggest that the better course would be
to require the parties themselves to furnish the
Medals used.

Enclosed you will
receive a transfer draft on the Treasurer of
the Mint in favor of the Assistant Treasurer
at Boston for \$30,000. payable in Silver Coins.
The draft is made payable to Messrs Adams & Co
and you will be pleased to arrange with
that house for the Transportation of the amount
to Boston. The As^t Treasurer at Boston has been
authorised to transfer the amount now to his
credit at the Mint (\$30,000) to Boston -
you will be pleased to cause it to be sent
through the same channel.

I am very Resp^t

Sec^y Treasury

J. R. Johnson
Asst. Dir. Mint
P. S. 1852

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Treasury Department
January 28th 1857

Sir,

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia, on the 2nd Monday in February, for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States, agreeably to the provision in the 32nd section of the Mint law of 18th January 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place, is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission, will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

Very respectfully
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Robert Patterson Esq
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
January 20. 1854

Sir:

You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the Second Monday in February for the purpose of testing the correctness of the assay of the coinage of the United States agreeably to the provision in the 33^d section of the Mint law of 22nd January, 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. C. Alexander,
Mint

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Treasury Department.

January 29 1864

Some short time since the Superintendent of the Branch Bank at New Orleans presented to this Department the necessity of a transfer to enable him to pay for deposits of gold and the transfer was ordered accordingly. But in giving this order, I should have been gratified if there had been in the department better information than there was of the condition and operations of that branch. Indeed it seems to me proper that the department should be periodically advised of the operations of all the branches, and this will become the more so when the branch at San Francisco & away office at New York shall go into operation.

With these views, I have to request that you will immediately transmitt to me

copies of the reports of the several branches
made to you for the month of December
last and will hereafter transmit such
copies for each month, as they shall
be received.

I am very dear Sir

James K. Martin
Secretary

H. H. has represented that the
coinage at New Orleans
is at this time very inferior.
Will you please address
me on this point.

L. A. Snowden Esq
Secretary of the
Unit Phila.

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Treasury Department
January 31. 1854.

Sir

I have received your letter
of the 24th instant and the proposition of
Messrs Adams & Co. to transport \$200,000 in
silver from the Mint to the Asst. Treasurer
at Boston - And also, an additional million
from the Branch Mint at N. Orleans to
the Mint at Philadelphia are approved.

I am very Resp.

Yours truly
Secy of the Treasury.

J. R. Snowdon Esq
Director of the Mint.
Philad^a.

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Treasury Department
February 1. 1854.

Sir

I enclose for you for a
receipt from the Miller one before or
Banner. John Dahlonega on relation to certain
relations and accounts connected with his
department. Also you have the goodness to let
Department have your views on the matters
being referred to and to return Mr. Galt's
letter to the Department.

I am very Resp^t

See Treasury

J. R. Brown
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

Treasury Department
Feb. 2. 1854.

Sir

I enclose a copy of a letter
addressed to you on the 20th ult. and which
was received by Genl. Patterson of your City.
The General has been requested to transmit
the original to your address.

I am very Resptl.
Yours Truly
Jas. Buchanan
Secy of the Treasury.

Robert Patterson jr

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Treasury Department
February 6. 1854

Sir:

It is represented to the Department by Messrs. Vanzandt & Livingston of N. York, under date of 1st inst, that there has arrived at that port per steamer "Asia" from Liverpool, an invoice of Machinery articles, sent to the U. States Custom Office, New York.

Instructions have accordingly been given to the Collector at New York, on your forwarding to him a certificate that the said articles are for the use of the U. S. Custom Office at N. York, and are, by the terms of purchase, entitled to free entry, to deliver the same to the order of Vanzandt & Livingston, free of duty or charges.

Very respectfully,
Your Obedt Servt

Secretary of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
February 6 1854

Sir

I have to inform you
that Rufus S. Lawrence Smith has been
appointed one of the Commissioners upon the
part of the Coinage of the Mint Boarders.
Rufus Smith being on this City the appoint-
ment will be delivered to him here.

I am very Res^{ly}
Yours Truly
Sec^y of the Treasury

Ruf. S. Lawrence
Sec^y of the Mint

Massachusetts
February 7, 1882

James A. Smith
Dec. 1840.

of John
street

J. P. Brown &
Archdr of the Minn.
Philad.

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Treasury Department
Feb. 8. 1864.

Sir

Your letter of yesterday has
been received. Messrs. Spencer - Houston and
acknowledges will be notified that the Commission
to meet on Monday next at 9 O'clock A.M.

Robert Patterson Jr. has, also, been appointed a
member and has accepted. You will be
desired, therefore, to notify him if necessary of
the time of meeting.

I am very Resp^t

Sec Treasury

Prof Snowden &
Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department
Feb: 8. 1854.

Sir.

Your communication dated
2nd instant in relation to the claim of the
letter and reformer of the French Monr or
alone for postage for 1853 in the settlement
his account of silver was duly received.
I will thank you, as suggested in your letter,
get the Department's views on the subject and
you shall have received to present you and
the Department.

I am very Resp

Secy of the Treasury

Prof. Frederick E/
Director of the Monr -
Phila^a.

The Department's statement sent by you is herewith returned.

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Treasury Department
February 6. 1854.

Sir: You have been designated by the President as one of the Commission to meet at the Mint in Philadelphia on the Second Monday in February for the purpose of testing the correctness of the Assay of the coinage of the United States against the provision in the 32. Section of the Mint law of 18 January, 1837, and your attendance at the above time and place is respectfully requested.

The personal expenses incurred by the members of the Commission will be paid by the Treasurer of the Mint.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James M. Wren
Secretary of the Treasury.

Wm. J. Lawrence Smith
Washington

Treasury Department

Feb 9th 1854

Sir,

In your letter of the 8th you express your willingness to superintend the preparation of the alloy much as a safeguard against accident on steam boats, but wish further information on the subject.

The enclosed letters from the Chief of the Bureau of Mints and Coins, from the Chief Engineer at the Navy Yard in this city, and from the person employed by him to make the alloy, will, it is hoped, supply much of the information you desire. You will please to hold these documents subject to the order of this Department.

As Professors Smith and Alexander will shortly visit your institution as members of the alloy committee, you will have an opportunity of consulting with them on the best mode of preparing the alloy.

As the whole amount of alloy proposed last year was but one lb, and as a less amount will probably be required this year, perhaps it will not be necessary to hire a distinct establishment for its preparation. About 250 lbs are wanted, as soon as it can be supplied, for service in California.

Very Respectfully
James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury.

Saml B. Booth Esq

Chief and Designer, of the Mint.

24

Treasury Department
February 15 1857

Dr.

Yours of yesterday has been
received. Be pleased to request the Treasurer
of the Mint to deposit the amount to the
credit of the Treasurer of the States with the
Assistant Treasurer at Philadelphia stating
particularly from what source the money was
received.

I am very Respectfully
Yours
Sec. Treasury

Wm. Ingham
Director of the Mint.

24

Treasury Department
February 24. 1854

Sir

Enclosed you will find the
appointment of Charles Moffet Esq. to be
Assistant Melter and Refiner at the assay office
at N. York. Mr. Moffet will report himself
to you for duty.

I am very Resp
Saml Guthrie
Sec Treasury

I Rec'd forwarded by
Director of the Mint.
Philad.

25

Treasury Department.
February 1st 1854.

Sir. In virtue of authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury, by the 10th section of the Act, approved March 3, 1853, entitled "an Act making appropriations for the Civil and Diplomatic expenses of the Government, for the year ending the 30th June, 1854", you are hereby appointed with the approbation and consent of the President of the United States, Assistant (Metter and Refiner) of the Assay Office in New York, and, with the like approbation, your compensation is fixed at the rate of Fifteen Hundred dollars per annum, to take effect when you shall enter upon the duties of the said office under the direction of the Director of the Mint. I am, very respectfully

Yours Truly,
Secy. of the Treasury.

Clarence Morfit, Esq.
(Asst. Metter & Refiner.)
New York.

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Treasury Department
February 20 1864.

Sir,

Your letter of the 17th instant
was duly received. Upon reflection it is thought
that the gain on the coinage at the Mint
should be deposited with the Assistant Treasurer as
suggested in the letter from the Department dated
15th instant.

Should it be desirable to increase
the bullion fund by transfer drafts on any of the
the required amount.

I am very Resp.
James Guthrie
Sec^y of the Treasury

Prof Snowden
Director of the Mint:
Philadelphia

Treasury Department
Feb. 24. 1854.

Sir

I will thank you to give
instructions to the Branch-Mint at St. Louis
to coin quarter dollars - dimes and half dimes -
and to give attention to the coins
principally, of the smaller denominations.

I am very Sir

Yours Truly
Jas. Guthrie
Sec. Treasury

Prof. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

26

Treasury Department
February 24. 1885.

Sir

I am in the receipt of your letter dated the 22nd inst. enclosing the acceptance of Mr. Marfor of the appointment of Mr. Miller to join as the assay office in N York. Mr. M's salary will be paid from the time he enters on the duties in Professor Booth's department.

You will be pleased to provide one year storage of the articles referred to in your letter, until they can be sent to N York.

I am very Resp^t

Yours truly
Sec Treasury

Prof Snowden
Director Mint
Phila

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Treasury Department
February 24. 1854

Sir

Permit me to call your attention
to the 3^d Sect. of the Act of Congress of 3 March
1833 and other Acts - requiring assays to be made
of the amount of certain foreign Coins - and report
the result made to Congress at least once a
year - and to enquire whether such assay
has been made during the last year - and
not, to request that it may be made as
early as convenient. That the result may be
communicated to Congress.

I am very Respo
James Guthrie
Sec. Treasury

Wm. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

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Treasury Department,
February 25th 1855.

Sir:

You will herewith receive for deposit in the cabinet and registry of specimens coins, directed to be established at the Mint in Philadelphia, by my letter of the 8th of December last, two common gold coins of the denominations of two dollars and a half and one dollar, transmitted to this Department as specimens of those circulated by John Gellispie, arrested on the 9th inst; and subsequently convicted for that offence, by the Court of Common Pleas of Edmunt County Indiana.

Very respectfully,
Wm C C Smith.

Secretary of the Treasury.

James Ross Snowden Esq.

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

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Treasury Department
March 18 1854.

Sir

The Treasury - States has
been requested to give a draft on your favor
on the aforesaid Treasury for \$500,000.00.
This transfer is made to enable you to
pay promptly, the depositors of gold for
coinage. You will keep a separate ac-
count of this fund and make a return to the
Treasurer of the States at the close of each quarter.

I am very Respc.

Sam^l M^r
Sec Treasury

J. D. Ingles Esq.
Treasurer, Pacific R^r
S. Francisco

28

Treasury Department
March 15. 1854.

Sir

In order to avoid the trouble and
delay in settling a separate account for each Bill
presented for supplies furnished for the Army
office at W. Point. Money will be sent on your
requisitions, to pay them. When all the bills are
paid you will be pleased to state an a/c and
enclose them as your vouchers &c -
A draft will be sent by this or the next mail
for the amount of the Bills of Messrs. Walling and
Bird, herewith returned.

I am very Resp
Lam. L. Wilson
Sec Treasury

J. P. Snowden
Director of the Mint

29

Treasurer Department
March 18 1851

Sir

I have received your letter
the 15th inst. The Treasurer will have
this day mail a draft on you for
\$1000 enclosing the receipt of
the pay office at N. York.

The balance of \$4.500 you will be
able to pay to Mr. Curtis he complying
with the conditions of his contract as suggested
by you.

The Treasurer has been requested
to give a transfer draft on the asst. treas-
urer at S. Francisco in favor of the
Treasurer of the Board. Show at that place
\$4500.00 for the purpose of enabling
him to pay promptly the deposits of Gold.

I am very Resp^{ly}

See Secretary

29

Treasury Department
March 20 1854

Sir

I have received the memorandum of the proposed one cent coin enclosed your letter of the 18th inst. and will thank you to send say about 100 more perfect specimens when they shall be prepared, accompanied by a Report on the subject to be submitted to Congress.

I am very Resp^t
Amos A. Butler
Sec. Treasury

J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
March 20. 1854.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15.th inst on the subject of the "Washington Copper Cent" and in relation to procuring specimens of the coin which medals of a National Public character have been struck - and to say, that on the latter subject I shall be pleased to have further from you at your convenience.

I am very Resp.
James Smith
Sec. Treasury.

Wm. P. Brown
Director of Mint

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Treasury Department
 October 23 1856.

Sir

The Treasurer U.S. has opened
 a transfer draft on the Treasurer of the
 Mint at Philad^a in favor of the ap. Treasurer
 of U.S. for \$50,000 payable in Silver Coins.
 I will thank you to cause this to be sent
 to N. York in Coins of such denominations as
 the Assistant Treasurer may require.

I am very Res^t

Yours for the
 Sec^y Treasury

J. Rufus Brandon
 Director of the Mint.

30

Treasury Department
March 28th 1854

Sir,

In virtue of authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury, by the 10th Section of the Act, approved, March 3^d 1853, Entitled "An Act making appropriations for the Civil and Diplomatic expenses of the Government, for the year ending, the 30th June 1854," You are hereby appointed "with the approbation and consent of the President of the United States", Meller and Refiner of the Assay Office in New York, and with the like approbation, your compensation is fixed at the rate of Twenty-five hundred dollars per annum, to take effect when you shall enter upon the duties of the said Office.

Very Respectfully,
Yr. O^bt Serv^t

James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury

Edward N. Kent Esq
New York N.Y.

Treasury Department
March 28. 1854.

31

Sir

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your several letters of the 23rd 25th instants. Authority may be given to have the medals ordered to struck, provided the regular payments of the Mint be not interrupted, and that the Applicants pay all the expenses which may be incurred.

The statement showing the net expenses of the Mint for the last six years is very acceptable, but the Department will be glad if you will furnish a statement showing the net receipts as well as the expenses and the net profits as the result for each year.

I am very Res^{ly}

Yours Truly
Sec^y Treasury.

J. B. Snowden Esq
Director of Mints

Treasury Department
March 29. 1851

31

Sir

The Bill from Messrs Adams
for expenses of transportation of \$100.00
from N. Orleans to Philadelphia
Coinage has been received.

You will be pleased to direct the amount
to be paid to Messrs Adams & Co. (\$10.00) by
the Treasurer of the Mint and to be
charged as an expense incident to the Coinage
I am very Res^t

Acc Treasury.

Jas. R. Snowden Jr.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

Treasury Department
March 30th 1837

Sir. I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant respecting a supply of Zinc to be used in refining gold, which will be required at the New York assay office, and requesting permission to give the order for the same.

You are hereby authorized to order one hundred tons, as you suggest, from Belgium.

The Department desires to be informed if the Zinc cannot be stored, according to the regulations required, in the mint and assay office.

The official Bond of Marcene Morpé Assh. Master & Refiner, inclosed in your letter, has been placed on file in the proper office.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. Servt.

James Buchanan
Secy. of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint

Philadelph. Pa.

Treasury Department
March 30. 1854

Sir,

I forward herewith, Copies of letters from the Commissioners and Superintendent of the United Mint at San Francisco, under date of the 28th ult., transmitting an Estimate, submitted by the Melters & Refiners, a copy of which is also enclosed, of the materials &c required to increase the refinery of Gold in that Establishment to the Capacity of 50 Millions of dollars per Annum. ^{you} You

I will ~~thank~~ ^{be} to report to the Department an Estimate of the necessary materials which will, in your opinion, be required for the object specified, and of the probable amount of earnings, together with any suggestions on the subject which you may deem expedient to offer.

I am Very Respectfully
Yours truly
Secy: of the Treasury.

R. Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

Sir

Deary, Secretment

April 1st 1856

Your letter of the 31st ulto is received with the copy of Mr Birdsall's to you of the 28th Feb.

It is my desire that the Branch Mint at San Francisco may be able to refine double the amount suggested in your letter, at the earliest period practicable.

You are therefore authorized to furnish the necessary supplies for that purpose of hot, sheet lead as soon as may be. You will be pleased also to take the proper steps for sending the necessary quantity of nitrate of soda from Valparaiso to Mr Birdsall.

In regard to the purchase of coal, salt and lead at New York and shipping them to San Francisco, which you deem to think the most expedient course, you are authorized to adopt it, if upon further inquiry and reflection you consider it best.

I have directed a remittance of \$5000 to be made at once for the payment alluded to by Mr Birdsall - and will thank you to request him to send an estimate in detail of the necessary payment for the object referred to at the earliest moment.

Very respectfully
Yours &c &c

James R. Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint

Philadelphia Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
April 3. 1854

Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 1st inst. enclosing statements showing the value of deposits made, and charges executed, at the Bank in Philad^a during the past month.

Hereafter you will please send the statements, as above, in duplicate and ~~to~~ not give out the information, otherwise, in advance.

I am Very Respectfully

Sey. of the Treasury

James R. Swenden Esq.
Director of the Bank
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department.
April 9 1854.

Sir. (Your letter of the 1st instant, has been received.)
You are authorized to order the additional quantity of Zinc (50 tons) which you suggest will be necessary if the refining capacity of the Branch Mint at San Francisco is extended; and you will forward such refining pots as can at once be procured.

Cannot California be relied upon for silver, and the necessity of sending it from the Atlantic be obviated?

Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt

Secy. of the Treasury.

James Ross Snowden, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Penn.

Assessing Department
April 26th 1864

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 21st inst, inclosing the report of Mr Booth, upon the subject of the proposed German Silver cent worth 80 cents to the dollar, has been received.

Your suggestion of reducing the Copper cent to 100 grains, is worthy of investigation. What would be the present value of a Copper cent of that weight, including cost of materials, and cost of manufacturing, and what would be the value of manufacturing such a coin for circulation? Also, what would be the difference in value of the proposed German Silver cent and Copper cent valued at 100 grains. I would be obliged if you would have a Copper coin of 100 grains, of the diameter of the proposed German Silver cent struck, and send me some specimens, with any remarks you may deem proper, suggesting of the utility and desirability of each.

Very respectfully,
James M. McKim
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Woodward Esq
Director of the Mint Philadelphia

Treasury Department
April 5. 1854

36

Upon communication dated
31st ult. enclosing a draft on the Department
of U.S. Miller for \$5000 was duly received and
referred to the proper officers to state an account
and make the remittance.

It has been returned
this morning on the ground that there is nothing
from Messrs. Landis and Thayer to show that
Mr. Thayer is their Agent and authorized to
draw on their account that it is necessary to
have more evidence to file with the account.
Per request to procure such authority from Messrs.
Thayer, Landis and the remittance will be
immediately made.

I am very Resp.
Linn Smith
Sec. Treasury.

Prof. Brown &
or care of Mr.

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Treasury Department
April 5. 1854.

Sir

I have to acknowledge the
receipt of your letter of the 21st inst.

Be pleased to make the shipment of
supplies as suggested by you.

I am very Res^{ly}
Yours Truly
Geo. S. Messers.

R. S. Snowden Esq
Director of Mint.

37

Treasury Department
April 10 1854

Sir

Accountable to you, this
day, in your favor for \$1170 in payment for
the tons of Coal shipped by you for the use
of the Prisoner Men at S. Francisco as stated
in your letter of 2. instant without the Prisoner
Government taking the risk.

I am very Dear

Yours Truly

Secy of the Treasury

Rep. Secretary of
Dept. of the Prison
Philad^a

Treasury Department
April 10. 1854.

37

A copy of the 2^d report has
been received. It is the desire of the Department to
use the present capacity, only, of the Branch at
San Francisco for refining, which will state in your
letter of the 21st ult. at \$1,000,000.00. It is not deemed expedient to provide apparatus
materials to extend the capacity for refining beyond
at present - at least for the present. and additional
can be formed as to how the refining will be
distributed between the Branch at S. Francisco - and
the office at N. York.

I am very Resp
Sincerely
Res. Secretary

R. Snowden Esq
Chief of Min. Bureau

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Treasury Department
April 10 1867

Si
I acknowledge the receipt of 4
of the 1st inst. ^{with enclosing} giving your receipt for
not amounting over \$1000 as to which an
the Mint and have to state in reply
that they are perfectly satisfactory.
I am, Very Respectfully
Yours
Secretary of the Treasury

Charles F. Johnson, Esq.
Agent for the Mint
New York

38

Treasury Department
April 19 1854.

Sir

Yours of the 17th instant has
been received and your suggestions in relation
to the silver coinage are approved.

Be pleased to give the necessary instructions.

The superintendent of the Branch
Mint at S^t. Francisco has been authorized to
procure salt for the use of that establishment
— I am very Resp.

Wm. A. R. Washington

Act. Sec. Treasury

J. R. Mowbray
Mint of S^t. Francisco
Calif.

Treasurer Department

April 21. 1854.

39

Sir

The enclosed letter received from the Superintendent of the Board-Minor St. Orleans is submitted for your perusal. Be pleased to furnish the Department with your views as to the necessity or expediency of the proposed visit of the Superintendent. And as the ~~best~~ effect of the appointment of an Acting Superintendent by either the Superintendent himself, or the Department or Director.

I am very Respectfully
Yours
Act. Sec. Treasury

J. R. Snowden
Director of the Minor
Philad^a

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Treasury Department
April 24. 1852.

Sir

I have received your letter
dated the 23rd instant and you will be pleased
to know the Superintendent of the Branch Mint
at N. Orleans the leave of absence asked for
provided you see no objection to it.

I am very Resp.
W. H. Whipple

Per. Sec. Treasury.

J. N. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philad^a.

Treasury Department.
April 26th 1834.

Sir I inclose herewith, a form of a Bond prepared in the Post Comptroller's office, which is required of you to execute before entering upon the discharge of your duties as Clerk, &c. in the New York & May office, & to be approved by the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, who will then forward it to be filed in this Department.

Very respectfully,
Yours obt. servt
R. H. Livingston

Acting Secy. of the Treasury

Joseph M. May, Esq.
(Clerk in May office)
(New York)

Treasury Department
April 25. 1852.

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Sir:

Yours of the 25th has been
received and you are authorized to send
Mr. Booth to N. York as requested.

I am very Resp.

W. H. Woodbridge

Act. Sec. Treasury

J. Pierpont
Director of Mint
Philad.

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Treasury Department
May 1. 1854.

20-

I have received your letter of the 20th ult. with 15 Specimens of the three dollar gold pieces. The specimens are approved and will thank you to cause the Coinage to be proceeded with as suggested. I enclose a transfer draft in favor of the Treasurer of the U. States on the Treasurer of the Mint for \$5000. This draft I will thank you to cause to be paid in the \$3. gold pieces deducting the amount sent (\$425) which will be paid here. I enclose also two other transfer drafts - one the Treasurer of the Mint - one for \$2000 in favor of the Asst. Treasurer at St. Francisco to be transmitted ^{in dimes} half dimes - and one in favor of the Depository at Savannah for \$2000 payable in dimes - 1/2 dimes & 3 cent pieces. These drafts are made payable to the Adams & Co. with whom it please to arrange for the ^{transmission of the} several amounts.

Wm Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint Phila

Very truly
Yrs
R. M. Washington
Secy Treasury

Treasury Department.

May 3. 1854.

Sir, In virtue of authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury by the 10th section of the act, approved March 3, 1853, entitled "an act making appropriations for the Civil and Diplomatic expenses of the Government, for the year ending the 30th June, 1854," you are hereby appointed "with the approbation and consent of the President of the United States" Assistant Weigh Clerk in the assay office at New York; and with the like approbation, your compensation is fixed at the rate of Twelve thousand dollars per annum, to take effect when you shall enter upon the duties of the said office.

I am very respectfully,

Yours faithfully,
 James Guthrie
 Secy. of the Treasury.

A. R. St. John, Esq.

42

Treasury Department

May 5. 1864.

Your letter of the 1st inst.
was duly received and a warrant has been
issued in your favor for \$500 for which sum
a draft will be sent to you by the Treasurer U.S.
I wish to thank you to settle with Mr. Porter and
take the necessary receipts.

I am very Respo
Sincerely
Secy of the Treasury.

J. B. Browder
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia.

P.S. A transfer draft on the Treasurer dated for of
the Dept. at Annapolis is enclosed - for \$10,000 which
I wish to thank you to cause to be paid having square
of them.

42

Treasury Department
May 6. 1854

Sir:
I have to request that you will furnish this Department a statement showing annually the coinage of the Mint and each Branch Mint from the commencement severally of the Mint and branches to the 30th June next and of the expenses and profit and loss of each and that you will continue such statements to same period hereafter.

I am, Very Respectfully,
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury.

J. Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia,
Pa.

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Treasurer's Department

May 5, 1867

Sir:

I desire a clear and distinct statement of the practice in the Mint of receiving Gold and Silver Bullion for coinage and the time required to coin the same and out of what fund the advance is made for the bullion. This statement I wish to lay before Congress with a view of getting the law as to the Assay Office in New York modified and placed in the same footing as the Mint.

It seems to me when the Bullion is ~~to be~~ coined, it should be delivered at the Mint or any of the branches but when it is only delivered to have an assay or have it melted and refined or sent into Europe, that might be done at the Assay Office in New York and it should not be paid for unless deposited at the Mint.

I am very respectfully
Yours
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Snowden
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
May 8. 1854.

Sir

The Department will be
pleased to receive, at your earliest convenience
your views on the subject of the one cent
coinage - as it is desirable to bring the subject
to the attention of the Committee of Ways & Means
at an early day.

I am very Resp.
Yours Truly
Sec Treasury

J. Rufus Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philad^a

45 Dussan's Dependence
May 12. 1854

Sir

Your letter of the 8th inst
was duly received. You will be pleased to give
to the Dodge in residence of the Strand. I have at
Charles A. & Co. of absence desired.

I am very Resp.

James Easton
D. - Dussan's

S. D. Dussan's

For the - - -

Treasury Department
May 12. 1854

Sir:

I await your letter upon the subject of compensation of clerks in the Mint viz: what salary will be necessary to secure and retain the best clerks - also whether there is a necessity for any additional clerks or other officers.

I also desire that a report be made to me from the experiments of Mr. Booth of the proportion of metals for the proposed new three cent pieces, viz: the one of the size of the Quarter Eagle, one of enlarged size and the Bronze one proposed by you with the seigniorage of each. It might be desirable to increase the thickness and diminish the diameter of each from the samples sent me.

The Committee are pressing for my recommendations upon these and other subjects and therefore

my desire to hear from you.
I am, Very Respectfully
Yours
James Buchanan
Secretary of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

45 Treasury Department
May 12 1854

Sir

Upon the subject of your
several communications to this
Department, touching the establishment
on the 11th of a Medal Department
I take occasion to say I have asked
of Congress to make the proper
provision.

In the mean time, I see no
objection to your striking the bronze
and silver ^{Medals} required by the associa-
tion for the Industry of all Nations.
Will you please advise Mr. Barnum
accordingly. That Institution will
of course furnish the metal of
both kinds and defray the expense
if any that appertains to the operation
but no profit gain or considera-
tion is to be derived by any officer
or employee of the Mint. I am

Very Resp

James Watson
Secy of the Peace

J. Cox & Co. in Lps
Director of the
Anti-Slavery

Treasury Department.
May 16th. 1854.

Sir,

For notice of authority vested in the Secretary of the Treasury, by the 10th section of the Act, approved March 3^d, 1853, entitled "an act making appropriations for the Civil and Diplomatic expenses of the Government, for the year ending the 30th June, 1854," you are hereby appointed with the approbation and consent of the President of the United States Superintendent of the Assay Office, at New York, and with the like approbation your compensation is fixed at the rate of Three thousand, five hundred Dollars per annum, - to take effect when you shall have entered upon the duties of the said office.

I am, very respectfully,

Yours truly
Seymour

Samuel F. Patterworth, Esq.

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Treasury Department

May 16 1874.

Sir

I return herewith the double
Eagle. value \$20. being the first piece
coined at the new Branch Mint at
San Francisco. It is a very handsome
specimen of the work and instead of
its being broken up and assayed.
I would prefer its placed in your
Mint to be preserved and preserved.

Yours, &c

James B. Smith

Secy of the Treasury

J. Ross Snowden Esq

Director of the Mint

Philadelphia

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Necessary by Adjutant
Sept 17 1864

for

You are hereby authorized
to employ James P. Pegan as
Doorkeeper of the Army Office
at a compensation of seven
hundred dollars per ann., to com-
mence when the Office shall
go into operation.

You will nominate a suitable
person for messengers at the like
compensation when there is oc-
casion for his service.

I am very respectfully

Yours truly

Sec. Heavy

and A. Motteworth Esq
Capt. Army Office
N. York

47

Treas. & Department
May 27th 1850

Sir

Mr. McKean of Philadelphia has sent a bill
for \$100 for the safety guard, & such, according
to order from this Department, he was to forward to
you.

Please to state if the safety guard has been
received by you.

Very Respectfully
James McKean
Secy of Treasury.

To the

McKean & McKean

of the

U. S. Office

Philadelphia

Treasury Department
May 18, 1854

Sir, I have duly received your letter of the 17th inst. enclosing copies of your correspondence with the Chief Coiner, upon the subject of striking the medals in the Mint, for the Association for the exhibition of the Industry of all nations.

In reply I have to say that, as medals have heretofore been often struck at the Mint for other associations, and as the department has already given its permission for those in question to be struck, it cannot, with propriety, now withdraw that consent, but desires that the work may be done on the terms stated in the former letter to you.

The Chief Coiner states that the work will employ three men, two months. The expense can easily be derived from this estimate. If the work can be done during the regular hours of labor the

~~What~~ expenses will be paid into the
treasury of the mint. If it must be done
out of those hours, so much may be paid
to the workmen, as may be a fair consideration
for the additional labor imposed.

I am, Very Respectfully,

~~James Buchanan~~
Secretary of the Treasury

James Ross Snowden Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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I am very sorry
Nov 18 1854.

Received your letter
and am glad to hear that you are
from California and hope to see you
I have not yet heard of you since
the time you left the office and
was absent from home since reached
home.

I am very sorry
Yours truly
J. M. Smith

I am very sorry
Dr. J. M. Smith
Dr. J. M. Smith.

49.

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I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. and in reply to inform you that the same has been forwarded to the proper authorities for their consideration. I am, Sir, very respectfully,
 Your obedient servant,
 J. M. Smith

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See - of the Treasury.

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Treasury Department
May 20th 1854

Sir

enclosed is a copy of the printed proceedings of
the Board of Supervising Inspectors, at their late meeting
in this city

On pages 89 and 90 you will find the resolution
that was finally adopted in relation to the mode of
applying fireable alloy, to prevent the explosion of
steam boilers.

Very Respectfully
James Guthrie
Sec. of Treasury.

To

J. C. Booth Esq

Melton & Refiners,

N. S. Mink

Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
May 22 1854.

Your letter dated the 15th
instant was duly received and the sum of
\$10000 for placing the amount taken by Dr.
Hays from deposits on the Books of the Mint
is approved.

I am very Resp.
Yours truly
Sec of the Treasury.

J. P. Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Treasury Department
May 24, 1854

It has been suggested to me that the cent coin of German Silver may be conveniently coined with a hole in it and that all mechanical difficulty may be avoided by cutting the hole with a punch in the strip at the same stroke you cut off the cent from the strip. Then the coin may have the impression put on it with the die as now after the hole shall have been punched. Thus made, if it prove practicable, may be extended to the gold dollar and facilitate and popularize its use.

It has also been suggested to me that ^{of German Silver} $\frac{1}{2}$ cent coins may also be made with the hole and made popular in circulation but if that should be done the cent piece should be made of bronze with the hole instead of German Silver.

I offer for your consideration these suggestions and submit whether they may

not to ~~use~~ ^{try} of an experiment to ascertain
whether the mechanical difficulty as to
coining, with the hole, cannot be overcome

I am, Very Respectfully
Yours
James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury

J. R. Rosen, Esq.
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia

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Treasury Department
May 24. 1854.

Sir

Will you be pleased, at your earliest
convenience, to furnish the Department with a
copy of your Report on the subject of the
establishment of a Medal Department at the
Mint of the United States - the original having,
in some way, been mislaid.

I am very Resp^t

Yours truly
Sec^y Treasury

J. Peck Browder
Direct^r Mint.

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Treasury Department
May 27. 1854.

Sir

The Treasurer has this day
issued a draft in his own name on the Treasurer
of the Mint for \$450,000.

I will thank you
to cause \$500,000 of this amount to be paid in
gold \$200,000 of which will be preferred in
coins of the smaller denominations say \$3, \$2, \$1 pieces
and the balance \$100,000 in silver coins of the several
denominations.

Thence the draft on the Treasurer
reduce the balance due below the amount necessary
for the prompt payment of deposits - the amount
in be replaced by a draft on the Asst. Treasurer

I am very Resptlly

Yours Truly

Sec. Treasurer

J. R. Howard
Director of the Mint.

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Treasury Department
Mar 29, 1864.

For the letter of the 29th inst
was duly received and I herewith return
the specimen of the gold dollar which
was enclosed.

I am, Sir, Resp.

Secy to a Wg.

J. D. Brown & Co
Directors of the Treasury
Bureau.

James Brown, of the County of ...
 State of ...
 do hereby certify that the within and foregoing
 is a true and correct copy of the original
 of the same as the same has been
 certified to me by the ...
 by indictment.

James Brown

...

James Brown, of the County of ...
 State of ...
 do hereby certify that the within and foregoing
 is a true and correct copy of the original
 of the same as the same has been
 certified to me by the ...

Sir,

Treasury Department
May 30th 1850

Your letter of the 23rd ult. to the Collector at San Francisco, has been by him referred to this office and in reply I have to say, that the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia has been directed to send you \$20,000 in silver, intended to be used by the Branch Mint under your superintendence, for refining purposes. The sum of \$10,000 which that office has been directed to send you, also, in small coins of 50, 25, 10, and 5 cent pieces, you will exchange in equal portions between the different public offices in your city.

I have to request that you retain silver obtained by refining, until your exp. amounts to \$50,000.

L. B. Birdsell Esq
Capt. & Branch Mint
San Francisco
California -

I am very respectfully
Yours Truly
Secretary of the Treasury

Casual Department
 May 30 1864

I have to request that you will
 cause \$2000 in Silver, unclaimed to be sent to
 V. B. Indall Esq Superintendent of the
 Bank Note at New Orleans, Louisiana,
 to be used by that institution for redeeming purposes,
 and also \$1000 in same coin, in \$5. 10 and
 5 cent pieces, for the purpose of being exchanged
 by him in equal portions, between the several
 public offices at that place, to supply the
 demand existing for small change.

Very respectfully,
 Yours Truly
 Secretary of the Treasury

Wm. B. Rindley Esq
 Director of the Mint
 Philadelphia

Treasury Department
 Albany 30th 1853

Sir

I acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 22nd inst. stating that you had on that day sent Mr. Wilson the Assistant Receiver to New York, for the purpose of examining and fitting up the room appropriated to the Treasury Department, and in reply inform you that his salary as Assistant Receiver at New York will be considered to have commenced on the day he left for New York, for that purpose.

Very respectfully,

James Guthrie

Secretary to the Treasury

James K. Thompson
 Director of the Bank
 of New York

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Treasury Department

May 30 1856

Sir

I have received from the Director of the Mint a letter dated the 25th inst, enclosing a copy of your letter of the 26th inst.

Your official compensation will commence on the 1st prox^o - and you may keep the Clerks &c on duty, as you may require their services. When you call either of them into the public service, you will report the fact to this Department.

The place of Capt^t Coulburn will be filled by Capt^t Sherman who will be in New York on the 31st inst. In conjunction with him you can submit the estimate for the proper furniture required - but the money cannot be provided until authorized by the passage of the deficiency bill.

Very respectfully
Yours devotedly

Cornel V. Butler worth by
Supt^r de
New York

James Guthrie
Secretary of the Treasury



 Treasury Department
 May 31. 1854

Sir,
 The nomination submitted in your
 letter of the 30th inst, of Henry S. Cochran, as Clerk
 of the weigh-room of the Mint at Philadelphia,
 at a compensation of Twelve hundred dollars
 per annum, is approved.

I am Very respectfully
 Yours Truly
 Secretary of the Treasury

Daniel Sargent Esq
 Act. Secy & Treasurer of the Mint
 Philad^a

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Treasury Department
June 1. 1854.

Sir

Your letter dated the 29th ultimo enclosing one addressed to you by the Superintendent of the Branch Office at St. Orleans was duly received, and, in reply, I have to remark that it was not the intention to direct the Superintendent to cross the North bar, simply to grant the permission to do so for his own accommodation, in ~~the~~ ^{my} opinion, his expenses cannot be considered a proper charge on the Contingent Fund of the Mint.

I am very Resp.
Jas. R. McKim
Secy Treasury.

J. R. Snowden
Mint - Wash.

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Quartermaster Department
June 1 1854

Sir

Richard Smith and John C. Beckett Engravers of this City, will proceed on the morning to Philadelphia under instructions of this Department, for the purpose of examining into the frauds committed by the late Weight Clerk, and into the affairs and condition of the Mint, generally. They will advise with you upon their arrival and I have to request you will cause them to receive all the information and facilities they may require at the hands of the officers ^{of the Mint}, for that purpose.

Sincerely Respectfully

James Guthrie

Lieut. Treas.

Wm. L. Smith Esq
Director of the
Mint. Phila.

Treasury Department
June 1. 1854.

Gentlemen:

A series of frauds committed by the Weigh Clerk, employed in the Mint, on depositors for coinage, renders it proper that an investigation should be made, not only into the extent and circumstances attending such frauds, but into the system and rules in operation in the Mint and its general condition and management. The frauds reported to have been committed by the Clerk in question are stated to have occurred within the last few months and to amount to \$20,000; but the amount may much exceed that sum and they may have commenced even as early as his appointment to office which was on the 12th of June 1850.

I have to request, therefore, you will, as soon as may be, proceed to Philadelphia, and after advising the Director of the object of your visit make the examination indicated and upon the completion of the same, report the result to this Department.

Treasury Department
June 1. 1854.

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I have to request, therefore, you will, as soon as may be, proceed to Philadelphia, and after advising the Director of the object of your visit make the examination indicated and upon the completion of the same, report the result to this Department—

1. In respect to the case of the delinquent Clerk, you will please compare the weight of gold deposited as made by him, with the amounts received from him or the results of such deposits in refined gold or coin or silver as the case may be, first, as between the time of his admitted abstractions and the time when not admitted; and second, as between his acts and those of his predecessors for a like period, th in respect to like descriptions of gold or silver.
2. You will inquire what system of accountability prevails 1st as between the Weight Clerk and the Melter and Refiner and 2nd as between other officers separately employed on the several processes through which gold and silver pass from the time of their deposits in bullion or dust to the time of their issue in coin; or, in other words, whether the system at present in force is so related to prevent fraud on the part of any officer in the transit of gold or silver to another, or if committed, to lead to its speedy discovery. If the system in force is not adapted to accomplish one or the other of these ends, what change can be made to effect it?
3. You will examine into the general condition

and management of the Mint, to wit, the system of
accounting, the security of the Bullion and even
therein, the attendance and vigilance of the officers,
the admission of visitors and others.

4. Whether there are any operations or transactions
carried on in the Mint (except under the special
direction of this Department to make certain medals)
not arising out of its legitimate business; and
whether any of its officers or workmen, ^{the} tools or
instruments are employed during the proper
business hours, to ~~the~~ private profit.

5. You will inquire into the circumstances under
which the Clerk paid over the value of the bullion
which he acknowledged to have purloined; how
he arrived at the particular amount admitted.

6. Whether any promise or agreement was made
to him as an inducement to, or in consideration
of, such restitution; and whether his statement
was known to or connived at by any public officer.

Upon these ^{last three points} or any others on which you may
deem it proper, you are at liberty to confer with
the District Attorney, in whose hands ^{the case} has been
placed by the Director - I am Very Respectfully

Richard Smith Esq.

J. G. Pickett Esq.

Yours for Service
James M. Smith
Secy of the Treasury